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Introduced by Sen. ROBACH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to permitting a driver to not have a hand on the steering mechanism of a vehicle while a driving automation system is engaged

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 1226 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 506 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1226. Control of steering mechanism. No person shall operate a motor vehicle without having at least one hand or, in the case of a physically handicapped person, at least one prosthetic device or aid on the steering mechanism at all times when the motor vehicle is in motion **unless a driving automation system, as defined in SAE J3016 as periodically revised, is engaged to perform steering function**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to violations committed on and after such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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