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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. COOK, TITUS, ORTIZ, JOYNER, D'URSO, DICKENS, GALEF, JAFFEE, TAYLOR, LAVINE, HUNTER, ARROYO, DAVILA, WILLIAMS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. DenDEKKER, EPSTEIN, GRIFFIN, HEVESI, HYNDMAN, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring police officers to notify family members in person of a relative's death in certain circumstances

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Valeria's law".

§ 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 603-c to read as follows:

§ 603-c. Accidents; police to notify in person. Every police officer to whom an accident resulting in death to a person in which the police officer does not have reasonable cause to believe the deceased would otherwise have been charged with a violation of this chapter for the conduct which resulted in his or her death, shall use reasonable efforts to identify and notify in person a member of the deceased's family or household as soon as practicable after such accident if the police officer has knowledge of the person's death and has knowledge that a coroner, or other official performing like functions has not already notified a family member. Such personal notification shall indicate without limitation the time of the deceased's death, the location of the accident, and the location of the deceased's body or remains.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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