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Introduced by M. of A. CUSICK, BARRON, COOK, CROUCH, D'URSO, JEAN-PIERRE, B. MILLER, PICHARDO, RA, SEAWRIGHT, TAYLOR, THIELE, ARROYO, LAVINE, BLAKE, WOERNER, BUCHWALD -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. HAWLEY, LAWRENCE, LUPARDO, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing a pre-licensing course internet program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new
2 article 12-D to read as follows:

ARTICLE 12-D

PRE-LICENSING COURSE INTERNET PILOT PROGRAM

3 Section 399-p. Pre-licensing course internet pilot program.

4 399-q. Application.

5 399-r. Regulations and fees.

6 399-s. Pilot program scope and duration.

7 399-t. Report by commissioner.

8 § 399-p. Pre-licensing course internet pilot program. The commissioner
9 shall establish, by regulation, a comprehensive pilot program to allow
10 use of the internet, for the administration and completion of an
11 approved pre-licensing course, which shall be deemed the equivalent of
12 the course required by subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision
13 four of section five hundred two of this chapter.

14 § 399-q. Application. An applicant for participation in the pilot
15 program established pursuant to this article shall be an approved spon-
16 sor of an internet accident prevention course, pursuant to article
17 twelve-C of this title, prior to the effective date of this article. In
18 order to be approved for participation in such pilot program, the course
19 must comply with provisions of law, rules and regulations applicable
20 to such pilot program.

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

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1 thereto. The commissioner may, in his or her discretion, impose a fee
2 for the submission of each application. Such fee shall not exceed seven
3 thousand five hundred dollars, which shall be deposited in the dedicated
4 highway and bridge trust fund established pursuant to section eighty-
5 nine-b of the state finance law.

6 § 399-r. Regulations and fees. 1. The commissioner is authorized and
7 directed to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement
8 the provisions of this article and to insure that the internet pilot
9 program, as approved by the commissioner, can validate: student identity
10 at registration and throughout the course; participation throughout the
11 course; that time the requirements are met; and successful completion of
12 the course. Provided, however, that any rules and regulations promulgat-
13 ed pursuant to this article shall not stipulate any particular location
14 for delivery of a pre-licensing course or limit the time of day during
15 which such course may be taken.

16 2. The commissioner is authorized to impose a fee upon each pre-li-
17 censing course sponsoring agency approved to deliver such course, which
18 shall not exceed eight dollars for each student who completes such
19 course, and which shall be deposited in the dedicated highway and bridge
20 trust fund established pursuant to section eighty-nine-b of the state
21 finance law.

22 3. The commissioner is hereby authorized to promulgate and adopt on an
23 emergency basis regulations necessary for the implementation of this
24 section.

25 § 399-s. Pilot program scope and duration. The commissioner shall
26 conduct a pilot program designed to evaluate utilizing the internet for
27 delivering an approved pre-licensing course, which shall be deemed the
28 equivalent of the course required by subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a)
29 of subdivision four of section five hundred two of this chapter, by
30 permitting qualified applicants to participate in the pilot program for
31 a period of five years.

32 § 399-t. Report by commissioner. Within five years of the establish-
33 ment and implementation of this article, the commissioner shall report
34 to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker
35 of the assembly on the pre-licensing course internet pilot program and
36 its results. Such reports shall include recommendations as to the future
37 use of internet as an effective way, in addition to classroom presenta-
38 tion, to deliver to the public approved pre-licensing courses, and qual-
39 ifications for participants in such approved internet delivered
40 programs.

41 § 2. Paragraph (h) of subdivision 4 of section 502 of the vehicle and
42 traffic law, as added by section 1 of part L of chapter 59 of the laws
43 of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

44 (h) Course completion certificate fee. The fee for a course completion
45 certificate provided by the department to an entity that is approved by
46 the commissioner to offer the pre-licensing course, required by this
47 subdivision, for issuance by such entity to students upon their
48 completion of such pre-licensing course shall be one dollar. Such fee
49 shall be paid by such entity and shall not be charged to a person who
50 takes the course in any manner. The provisions of this paragraph shall
51 not apply to a pre-licensing course established pursuant to article
52 twelve-D of this chapter.

53 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
54 it shall have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed five
55 years after the date that the pre-licensing course internet pilot
56 program is established and implemented by the commissioner of motor

1 vehicles pursuant to article 12-D of the vehicle and traffic law, as
2 added by section one of this act; provided that any rules and regu-
3 lations necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effec-
4 tive date are authorized and directed to be completed on or before such
5 date; and provided, further, that the commissioner of motor vehicles
6 shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission of the date he or
7 she establishes and implements the pre-licensing course internet pilot
8 program pursuant to article 12-D of the vehicle and traffic law, as
9 added by section one of this act, in order that such commission may
10 maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text
11 of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effecting the
12 provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the
13 public officers law.