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IN SENATE

January 14, 2019

Introduced by Sens. RITCHIE, AKSHAR, GALLIVAN, SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to establishing a commercial driver's license (CDL) class A young adult licensing pilot program

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

Section 1. Section 14 of the transportation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 36 to read as follows:

36. (a) To promulgate, in consultation with the department of motor vehicles, rules and regulations to establish and implement a commercial driver's license (CDL) class A young adult licensing pilot program.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "young adult" shall mean an individual who ranges in age from eighteen to twenty years old; and

(ii) "qualified" shall mean such individual meets all required qualifications to become a licensed CDL class A driver, with the exception of the age requirement, within New York state.

(c) (i) Such pilot program shall provide qualified young adult drivers with CDL class A driver's licenses.

(ii) Such qualified young adult drivers shall not be permitted to drive after nine o'clock post meridian and before five o'clock ante meridiem under such pilot program.

(d) Such pilot program shall commence on January first, two thousand twenty.

(e) The commissioner shall provide the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly with a report on such pilot program on January first, two thousand twenty-two. Such report shall include:

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

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(i) the number of qualified drivers licensed under such pilot program;

(ii) the number of qualified drivers licensed under such pilot program that ultimately became fully-licensed at the age of twenty-one;

(iii) any safety concerns that occurred including, but not limited to, traffic violations and accidents; and

(iv) any additional information the commissioner deems relevant.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.