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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- 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 requiring
  weather radios in motor vehicles sold within the state with a model
  year of 2022 or later

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

1   Section 1. Article 9 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by
2 adding a new section 384 to read as follows:
3   *§ 384. Weather radio. 1. Weather radio required. No new motor vehicle,*
4 *except a vehicle with a model year of two thousand twenty-one or earli-*
5 *er, shall be sold in this state unless such vehicle is equipped with a*
6 *weather radio, installed as part of the vehicle's audio system, approved*
7 *by and conforming to standards established by the commissioner.*
8   *2. Weather radio feature. A weather radio shall be capable of receiv-*
9 *ing the national oceanic and atmospheric administration's daily weather*
10 *reports and emergency broadcasts.*
11   *3. Costs of weather radios. No car dealership shall increase the cost*
12 *of a vehicle due to the vehicle's audio system containing a weather*
13 *radio.*
14   *4. Regulations. The commissioner shall establish by regulation stand-*
15 *ards for weather radios, and the installation of weather radios in motor*
16 *vehicles. The commissioner may prescribe the method of securing approval*
17 *of weather radios.*
18   § 2. The commissioner of motor vehicles is authorized to promulgate
19 any rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of section
20 one of this act on or before the one hundred twentieth day after the
21 effective date of this section.
22   § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
23 section one of this act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

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