STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 15, 2019

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:

Section 1. Article 9 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 384 to read as follows:

§ 384. Weather radio. 1. Weather radio required. No new motor vehicle, except a vehicle with a model year of two thousand twenty-one or earlier, shall be sold in this state unless such vehicle is equipped with a weather radio, installed as part of the vehicle's audio system, approved by and conforming to standards established by the commissioner.

2. Weather radio feature. A weather radio shall be capable of receiving the national oceanic and atmospheric administration's daily weather reports and emergency broadcasts.

3. Costs of weather radios. No car dealership shall increase the cost of a vehicle due to the vehicle's audio system containing a weather radio.

4. Regulations. The commissioner shall establish by regulation standards for weather radios, and the installation of weather radios in motor vehicles. The commissioner may prescribe the method of securing approval of weather radios.

§ 2. The commissioner of motor vehicles is authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of section one of this act on or before the one hundred twentieth day after the effective date of this section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that section one of this act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

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

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