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## IN SENATE

February 22, 2019

Introduced by Sen. GAUGHRAN -- 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 allowing the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County to provide driver education courses in middle school or elementary school locations

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 507 of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law, as amended by chapter 215 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 1. Driver education. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
5 article, a class D or class M license, whichever is appropriate, may be  
6 issued to a minor seventeen years of age who has successfully completed  
7 a driver education course approved by the state education department and  
8 the commissioner in a high school or college and who has submitted proof  
9 of completion of the minimum hours of supervised driving as required in  
10 paragraph (d) of subdivision two of section five hundred two of this  
11 article; provided however, the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, a  
12 unified school that operates a high school, may provide a driver educa-  
13 tion course approved by the state education department in a middle  
14 school or elementary school location provided such course instruction  
15 occurs when elementary or middle school is not in session. No such driv-  
16 er education course may be approved unless classroom training is  
17 provided by a person approved by the state education department and the  
18 commissioner. However, a school district may contract with one or more  
19 licensed drivers' schools to provide behind the wheel training, pursuant  
20 to regulations promulgated by the commissioner. The commissioner shall  
21 prescribe the requirements for licensing of such minors. A student  
22 enrolled in such an approved driver education course may operate a motor  
23 vehicle without holding a driver's license or a learner's permit while  
24 under the immediate supervision of an instructor in such course or a

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

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1 driver's school instructor providing behind the wheel training in such a  
2 course, provided such operation is in accordance with the rules estab-  
3 lished by the commissioner. Every student who successfully completes  
4 such course in a day, evening or summer school program offered by a  
5 public or private school shall receive certification of such completion  
6 on a certificate prescribed by the commissioner.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.