

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

December 11, 2019

Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the highway law, in relation to authorizing and directing the department of transportation to establish a memorial marker program

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

1 Section 1. The highway law is amended by adding a new section 67 to
2 read as follows:

3 § 67. Memorial marker program. 1. The department is authorized and
4 directed to establish a memorial marker program to commemorate those who
5 have died as a result of a vehicle related accident on the state highway
6 system and to increase public awareness regarding highway safety. In
7 establishing such program, the department shall:

8 (a) make memorial markers available to the immediate family and
9 friends of persons who died as a result of a vehicle related accident
10 along the state highway system;

11 (b) provide for the design, construction, installation and maintenance
12 of memorial markers.

13 2. Memorial markers shall be placed along the right of way of the
14 state highway system at a location proximate to the location where the
15 fatal vehicle related accident occurred, provided that such memorial
16 markers may be placed away from the exact location where such fatality
17 occurred due to restricted space, safety concerns, property owner
18 complaints or other constraints. The department shall establish the
19 length of time such memorial markers are to remain at the site and shall
20 reserve the right to have memorial markers removed for construction or
21 other maintenance purposes.

22 3. Requests for memorial markers shall be made by application to the
23 department by the immediate family or friends of the deceased, provided
24 that friends making such requests shall be required to submit authori-

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

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1 zation from the deceased's immediate family. Requests for memorial mark-
2 ers shall be made in a manner and form to be determined by the depart-
3 ment.

4 4. The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations
5 necessary for the implementation of this section.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
7 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
8 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
9 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
10 completed on or before such date.