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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. THIELE, McDONOUGH, ABINANTI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the highway law, in relation to requiring the development of a program addressing the problem of wrong way drivers on New York interstate highways

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. Wrong way driver program. 1. Within one year of the effective
4 date of this section, the commissioner shall, in consultation with the
5 New York state department of motor vehicles, governor's traffic safety
6 committee, division of state police, local police agencies, local
7 governments, and any other department, division, board, bureau, commis-
8 sion, agency or public authority of the state or any political subdivi-
9 sion thereof deemed necessary by the commissioner, develop a program to
10 address the problem of wrong way drivers on New York interstate high-
11 ways.

12 2. Such program shall:

13 a. investigate possible reasons for the problem of wrong way drivers
14 on New York interstate highways;

15 b. assess what other states have done to address this problem;

16 c. set forth possible solutions to the problem;

17 d. consider potential federal funding available for such highway safe-
18 ty improvement projects; and

19 e. implement measures to reduce the problem of wrong way drivers on
20 New York interstate highways.

21 3. The commissioner shall report annually on program implementation
22 and findings to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the

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

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1 speaker of the assembly, and the chairs of the senate and assembly
2 transportation committees and the commissioner shall make a copy of such
3 reports available on its public-facing website on January twenty-fifth
4 of the year after the program takes effect and January twenty-fifth of
5 every year thereafter.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately,
7 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-
8 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
9 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.