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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA, FERNANDEZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the operation of vehicles on approach of vehicles displaying a blue light

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

Section 1. Section 1144 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 300 of the laws of 1960 and subdivision (a) as amended by chapter 606 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1144. Operation of vehicles on approach of authorized emergency vehicles **or vehicles displaying a blue light**. (a) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle equipped with at least one lighted lamp exhibiting red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of such vehicle other than a police vehicle or bicycle when operated as an authorized emergency vehicle, and when audible signals are sounded from any said vehicle by siren, exhaust whistle, bell, air-horn or electronic equivalent **or upon the immediate approach of a vehicle displaying a blue light pursuant to the provisions of paragraph four of subdivision forty-one of section three hundred seventy-five of this chapter**; the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right of way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway, or to either edge of a one-way roadway three or more lanes in width, clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle **or such vehicle displaying a blue light** has passed, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(b) This section shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle **or the driver of a vehicle displaying a blue light pursuant to the provisions of paragraph four of subdivision forty-one of section three hundred seventy-five of this chapter** from the duty to drive with reasonable care for all persons using the highway.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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