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# IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to applicants for a driver's license who have suffered a loss of consciousness resulting from the impact of a collision

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

Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 9 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 31 of the laws of 2020, is amended and a new paragraph g is added to read as follows:

b. As used in this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings: "loss of consciousness" shall mean the condition of not being aware of one's surroundings or of one's existence and the inability to receive, interpret or react to sensory impressions as the result of epilepsy, syncope, cataplexy, narcolepsy and other disorders affecting consciousness and control**, but shall not apply to a state of unconsciousness caused by or directly resulting from the impact of a collision**; and "evidence of loss of consciousness" shall mean a police accident report filed pursuant to section six hundred three of this chapter indicating a loss of consciousness, no matter how denominated, as the cause of an accident, or admission by an applicant or licensee, or a complaint alleging loss of consciousness received from police agencies and others.

**g. In addition to mailing a notice of suspension to a licensee pursuant to paragraph d of this subdivision, the commissioner shall also provide a copy of such notice of suspension electronically to any such licensee who has an active online account with the department.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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