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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 27, 2021

Introduced by Sens. SEPULVEDA, BIAGGI -- 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 requiring  
weather radios in motor vehicles sold within the state with a model  
year of 2024 or later

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

1 Section 1. Article 9 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by  
2 adding a new section 384 to read as follows:

3 § 384. Weather radio. 1. Weather radio required. No new motor vehicle,  
4 except a vehicle with a model year of two thousand twenty-three or  
5 earlier, shall be sold in this state unless such vehicle is equipped  
6 with a weather radio, installed as part of the vehicle's audio system,  
7 approved by and conforming to standards established by the commissioner.

8 2. Weather radio feature. A weather radio shall be capable of receiv-  
9 ing the national oceanic and atmospheric administration's daily weather  
10 reports and emergency broadcasts.

11 3. Costs of weather radios. No car dealership shall increase the cost  
12 of a vehicle due to the vehicle's audio system containing a weather  
13 radio.

14 4. Regulations. The commissioner shall establish by regulation stand-  
15 ards for weather radios, and the installation of weather radios in motor  
16 vehicles. The commissioner may prescribe the method of securing approval  
17 of weather radios.

18 § 2. The commissioner of motor vehicles is authorized to promulgate  
19 any rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of section  
20 one of this act on or before the one hundred twentieth day after the  
21 effective date of this section.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
23 section one of this act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

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

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