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IN SENATE

January 31, 2021

Introduced by Sens. SERINO, O'MARA, BOYLE, GALLIVAN, HELMING -- 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 designating human organ delivery vehicles as authorized emergency vehicles

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

1 Section 1. Section 101 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by
2 chapter 446 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 101. Authorized emergency vehicle. Every ambulance, police vehicle
4 or bicycle, correction vehicle, fire vehicle, civil defense emergency
5 vehicle, emergency ambulance service vehicle, blood delivery vehicle,
6 human organ delivery vehicle, county emergency medical services vehicle,
7 environmental emergency response vehicle, sanitation patrol vehicle,
8 hazardous materials emergency vehicle and ordnance disposal vehicle of
9 the armed forces of the United States.

10 § 2. Section 114-b of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chap-
11 ter 460 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

12 § 114-b. Emergency operation. The operation, or parking, of an author-
13 ized emergency vehicle, when such vehicle is engaged in transporting a
14 sick or injured person, transporting prisoners, delivering blood or
15 blood products in a situation involving an imminent health risk, trans-
16 porting human organs, human tissue or medical personnel for the purpose
17 of organ recovery or transplantation in a situation involving an immi-
18 nent health risk, pursuing an actual or suspected violator of the law,
19 or responding to, or working or assisting at the scene of an accident,
20 disaster, police call, alarm of fire, actual or potential release of
21 hazardous materials or other emergency. Emergency operation shall not
22 include returning from such service.

23 § 3. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
24 117-e to read as follows:

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

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1 § 117-e. Human organ delivery vehicle. Any vehicle which is operated
2 by or on behalf of an organ procurement organization, as defined in
3 subdivision five of section four thousand three hundred sixty of the
4 public health law, for the sole purpose of transporting human organs,
5 human tissue, or medical personnel for the purpose of organ recovery or
6 transplantation on an emergency basis. No human organ delivery vehicle
7 shall be operated as an authorized emergency vehicle engaged in an emer-
8 gency operation unless the driver of such vehicle has undergone appro-
9 priate training for the operation of authorized emergency vehicles
10 during emergency operations.

11 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.