STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 25, 2021

Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- 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 prohibiting municipalities from transferring primary investigating authority of vehicle collisions that result in serious injury or death to a non-law enforcement agency

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

Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 603-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 489 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

In addition to the requirements of section six hundred three of this article, whenever a motor vehicle accident results in serious physical injury or death to a person, [~~and such accident either is discovered by a police officer, or reported to a police officer within five days after such accident occurred,~~] the police shall conduct an investigation of such accident. **No municipality shall transfer such primary investigating authority to a non-law enforcement agency.**

§ 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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