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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to right of way for vehicles traveling in adjacent lanes

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "the yield to
2 the driver ahead act".

3 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
4 1147 to read as follows:

5 § 1147. Vehicle merging into an adjacent lane. (a) The driver of a
6 vehicle on any roadway which has been divided into two or more clearly
7 marked lanes for traffic to travel in the same direction shall yield the
8 right of way to all vehicles which have given an appropriate signal of
9 intention to merge right or left and shall not increase the speed of
10 their vehicle until such merge has been completed.

11 (b) The driver of a vehicle on any roadway where an obstacle has
12 blocked one or more lanes shall yield the right of way to all vehicles
13 seeking to avoid such obstacle.

14 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
15 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amend-
16 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
17 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
18 completed on or before such date.

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

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