

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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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:

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

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

17 g. In addition to mailing a notice of suspension to a licensee pursu-  
18 ant to paragraph d of this subdivision, the commissioner shall also  
19 provide a copy of such notice of suspension electronically to any such  
20 licensee who has an active online account with the department.

21 § 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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