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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 the pre-licensing course to include information on organ and tissue donation and how to register as an organ donor

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of
2 section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 513 of
3 the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

4 (i) Upon submission of an application for a driver's license, the
5 applicant shall be required to take and pass a test, or submit evidence
6 of passage of a test, with respect to the laws relating to traffic, the
7 laws relating to driving while ability is impaired and while intoxicat-
8 ed, under the overpowering influence of "Road Rage", "Work Zone Safety"
9 awareness and "Motorcycle Safety" awareness as defined by the commis-
10 sioner, "School Bus Safety" awareness, the law relating to exercising
11 due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or standing author-
12 ized emergency vehicle or hazard vehicle pursuant to section eleven
13 hundred forty-four-a of this chapter, the ability to read and comprehend
14 traffic signs and symbols and such other matters as the commissioner may
15 prescribe, and to satisfactorily complete a course prescribed by the
16 commissioner of not less than four hours and not more than five hours,
17 consisting of classroom driver training and highway safety instruction
18 or the equivalent thereof, and shall also include information on organ
19 and tissue donation and how to register as an organ donor. Such test
20 shall include at least seven written questions concerning the effects of
21 consumption of alcohol or drugs on the ability of a person to operate a
22 motor vehicle and the legal and financial consequences resulting from
23 violations of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this chapter, prohib-
24 iting the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of

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

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1 alcohol or drugs. Such test shall include one or more written questions
2 concerning the devastating effects of "Road Rage" on the ability of a
3 person to operate a motor vehicle and the legal and financial conse-
4 quences resulting from assaulting, threatening or interfering with the
5 lawful conduct of another person legally using the roadway. Such test
6 shall include one or more questions concerning the potential dangers to
7 persons and equipment resulting from the unsafe operation of a motor
8 vehicle in a work zone. Such test may include one or more questions
9 concerning motorcycle safety. Such test may include one or more ques-
10 tions concerning the law for exercising due care to avoid colliding with
11 a parked, stopped or standing vehicle pursuant to section eleven hundred
12 forty-four-a of this chapter. Such test may include one or more ques-
13 tions concerning school bus safety. Such test shall be administered by
14 the commissioner. The commissioner shall cause the applicant to take a
15 vision test and a test for color blindness. Upon passage of the vision
16 test, the application may be accepted and the application fee shall be
17 payable.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
19 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.