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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the navigation law, in relation to implementing oral fluid tests

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1194 of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law is amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

3 (c) Oral fluid test. (1) Definition. For the purposes of this article,  
4 "oral fluid test" means a standardized preliminary saliva analysis test  
5 validated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the  
6 detection of cannabis. A field sobriety test is considered an oral fluid  
7 test if it is administered in substantial compliance with the standards  
8 prescribed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

9 (2) Oral fluid test. Every person operating a motor vehicle which has  
10 been involved in an accident or which is operated in violation of any of  
11 the provisions of this chapter shall, at the request of a police offi-  
12 cer, submit to an oral fluid test to be administered by the police offi-  
13 cer. If such test indicates the presence of cannabis in the person's  
14 saliva, the police officer may request such operator to submit to a  
15 chemical test in the manner set forth in subdivision two of this  
16 section.

17 § 2. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 1194  
18 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of  
19 1996, is amended to read as follows:

20 (2) within two hours after a breath test, as provided in paragraph (b)  
21 of subdivision one of this section, and/or an oral fluid test, as  
22 provided in paragraph (c) of subdivision one of this section, indicates  
23 that alcohol and/or cannabis has been consumed by such person and in  
24 accordance with the rules and regulations established by the police  
25 force of which the officer is a member;

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

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1 § 3. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 1194  
2 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 489 of the laws of  
3 2017 and clause (A) as amended by chapter 27 of the laws of 2018, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (1) If: (A) such person having been placed under arrest; or (B) after  
6 a breath test indicates the presence of alcohol in the person's system;  
7 or (C) after an oral fluid test indicates the presence of cannabis in  
8 the person's saliva; or (D) with regard to a person under the age of  
9 twenty-one, there are reasonable grounds to believe that such person has  
10 been operating a motor vehicle after having consumed alcohol in  
11 violation of section eleven hundred ninety-two-a of this article; and  
12 having thereafter been requested to submit to such chemical test and  
13 having been informed that the person's license or permit to drive and  
14 any non-resident operating privilege shall be immediately suspended and  
15 subsequently revoked, or, for operators under the age of twenty-one for  
16 whom there are reasonable grounds to believe that such operator has been  
17 operating a motor vehicle after having consumed alcohol in violation of  
18 section eleven hundred ninety-two-a of this article, shall be revoked  
19 for refusal to submit to such chemical test or any portion thereof,  
20 whether or not the person is found guilty of the charge for which such  
21 person is arrested or detained, refuses to submit to such chemical test  
22 or any portion thereof, unless a court order has been granted pursuant  
23 to subdivision three of this section, the test shall not be given and a  
24 written report of such refusal shall be immediately made by the police  
25 officer before whom such refusal was made. Such report may be verified  
26 by having the report sworn to, or by affixing to such report a form  
27 notice that false statements made therein are punishable as a class A  
28 misdemeanor pursuant to section 210.45 of the penal law and such form  
29 notice together with the subscription of the deponent shall constitute a  
30 verification of the report.

31 § 4. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 1194  
32 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 47 of the laws of  
33 1988, is amended to read as follows:

34 (2) a. either such person operated the vehicle in violation of any  
35 subdivision of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article, or  
36 b. a breath test administered by a police officer in accordance with  
37 paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section indicates that alcohol  
38 has been consumed by such person, or  
39 c. an oral fluid test administered by a police officer in accordance  
40 with paragraph (c) of subdivision one of this section indicates the  
41 presence of cannabis in the person's saliva; and

42 § 5. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section  
43 1195-a to read as follows:

44 § 1195-a. Oral fluid test evidence. 1. Admissibility. Upon the trial  
45 of any action or proceeding arising out of actions alleged to have been  
46 committed by any person arrested for a violation of any subdivision of  
47 section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article, the court shall admit  
48 the results of an oral fluid test pursuant to the provisions of section  
49 eleven hundred ninety-four of this article.

50 2. Probative value. The following effect shall be given to evidence of  
51 cannabis consumption, as determined by such tests, of a person arrested  
52 for a violation of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article:

53 (a) To assist the court or hearing officer in determining a challenge  
54 to the validity of an arrest. This subdivision does not limit the intro-  
55 duction of other competent evidence offered to establish the validity of  
56 an arrest.

1 (b) As evidence of the presence or nonpresence of cannabis in the  
2 defendant's saliva if offered by the defendant to rebut testimony elic-  
3 ited on cross-examination of a defense witness that an oral fluid test  
4 of the defendant's saliva showed the presence of cannabis that was not  
5 found to be present when a chemical test of the defendant's blood or  
6 urine was administered under section eleven hundred ninety-four of this  
7 article.

8 (c) As evidence of the presence or nonpresence of cannabis in the  
9 defendant's saliva if offered by the prosecution to rebut testimony  
10 elicited on cross-examination of a prosecution witness that an oral  
11 fluid test of the defendant's saliva showed no presence of cannabis that  
12 was found to be present when a chemical test of the defendant's blood or  
13 urine was administered under section eleven hundred ninety-four of this  
14 article.

15 3. Suppression. A defendant who has been compelled to submit to an  
16 oral fluid test pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (c) of subdivi-  
17 sion one of section eleven hundred ninety-four of this article may move  
18 for the suppression of such evidence in accordance with article seven  
19 hundred ten of the criminal procedure law on the grounds that the order  
20 was obtained and the test administered in violation of the provisions of  
21 such subdivision or any other applicable law.

22 § 6. Subdivision 6 of section 49-a of the navigation law is amended by  
23 adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

24 (c) Oral fluid test. (1) Definition. For the purposes of this article,  
25 "oral fluid test" means a standardized preliminary saliva analysis test  
26 validated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the  
27 detection of cannabis. A field sobriety test is considered an oral fluid  
28 test if it is administered in substantial compliance with the standards  
29 prescribed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

30 (2) Oral fluid test. Every person operating a vessel on the waters of  
31 the state which has been involved in an accident or which is operated in  
32 violation of any of the provisions of this section shall, at the request  
33 of a police officer, submit to an oral fluid test to be administered by  
34 the police officer. If such test indicates the presence of cannabis in  
35 the person's saliva, the police officer may request such operator to  
36 submit to a chemical test in the manner set forth in subdivision seven  
37 of this section.

38 § 7. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 7 of section 49-a of the navigation  
39 law, as amended by chapter 688 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read  
40 as follows:

41 (a) Any person who operates a vessel on the waters of the state shall  
42 be requested to consent to a chemical test of one or more of the follow-  
43 ing: breath, blood, urine, or saliva for the purpose of determining the  
44 alcoholic or drug content of [his] the person's blood, provided that  
45 such test is administered at the direction of a police officer: (1)  
46 having reasonable cause to believe such person to have been operating in  
47 violation of this subdivision or paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or  
48 (e-1) of subdivision two of this section and within two hours after such  
49 person has been placed under arrest for any such violation or (2) within  
50 two hours after a breath test as provided in paragraph (b) of subdivi-  
51 sion six of this section indicates that alcohol has been consumed by  
52 such person or (3) within two hours after an oral fluid test as provided  
53 in paragraph (c) of subdivision six of this section indicates the pres-  
54 ence of cannabis in the person's saliva and in accordance with the rules  
55 and regulations established by the police force of which the officer is  
56 a member.

1 § 8. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph (b) of subdivision 8 of section 49-a  
2 of the navigation law, as added by chapter 805 of the laws of 1992, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (2) (i) either such person operated the vessel in violation of any  
5 paragraph of subdivision two of this section, or

6 (ii) a breath test administered by a police officer in accordance with  
7 subdivision six of this section indicates that alcohol has been consumed  
8 by such person, or

9 (iii) an oral fluid test administered by a police officer in accord-  
10 ance with subdivision six of this section indicates the presence of  
11 cannabis in the person's saliva; and

12 § 9. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
13 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
14 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
15 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed  
16 on or before such effective date.