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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, GALLIVAN -- 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 Assem-
bly, 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 379 of
3 the laws of 2022, 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, "Motorcycle Safety" awareness and "Pedestrian and Bicyclist
10 Safety" awareness as defined by the commissioner, "School Bus Safety"
11 awareness, the law relating to exercising due care to avoid colliding
12 with a parked, stopped or standing authorized emergency vehicle or
13 hazard vehicle pursuant to section eleven hundred forty-four-a of this
14 chapter, the ability to read and comprehend traffic signs and symbols
15 and such other matters as the commissioner may prescribe, and to satis-
16 factorily complete a course prescribed by the commissioner of not less
17 than four hours and not more than five hours, consisting of classroom
18 driver training and highway safety instruction or the equivalent
19 thereof, and shall also include information on organ and tissue donation
20 and how to register as an organ donor. Such test shall include at least
21 seven written questions concerning the effects of consumption of alcohol
22 or drugs on the ability of a person to operate a motor vehicle and the
23 legal and financial consequences resulting from violations of section
24 eleven hundred ninety-two of this chapter, prohibiting the operation of

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

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

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