STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 23, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to prohibiting the use of virtual reality headsets while operating a motor vehicle

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 1225-d of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 8 of part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(a) "Portable electronic device" shall mean any hand-held mobile telephone, as defined by subdivision one of section twelve hundred twenty-five-c of this article, personal digital assistant (PDA), handheld device with mobile data access, laptop computer, pager, broadband personal communication device, two-way messaging device, electronic game, ***virtual reality headset,*** or portable computing device, or any other electronic device when used to input, write, send, receive, or read text for present or future communication.

§ 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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