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Introduced by Sens. RAMOS, COMRIE, GOUNARDES, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, LIU, MAY, PARKER, SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing scramble crosswalks leading to and from school buildings during times of student arrival and dismissal

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

Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 1640 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph 23 to read as follows:

23. Establish scramble crosswalks in cities with a population of one million or more leading to and from school buildings during times of student arrival and dismissal. Such scramble crosswalks shall include, but not be limited to, the following requirements:

(i) scramble crosswalks shall operate on weekdays between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.;

(ii) pedestrians shall wait until a pedestrian-control signal indicates a sign to walk;

(iii) vehicles shall not turn right at the intersection while the traffic signal indicates a red light;

(iv) bicyclists may proceed with pedestrians when a pedestrian-control signal indicates a sign to walk, provided however, such bicyclists shall yield the right of way to all pedestrians in the intersection;

(v) bicyclists may proceed with vehicular traffic while the traffic signal indicates a green light; and

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

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(vi) signs shall be erected at such intersections with a scramble crosswalk indicating that no person shall enter the intersection unless a pedestrian-control signal indicates that all pedestrians may walk.

For the purposes of this paragraph, "scramble crosswalk" means a crosswalk with a traffic signal which temporarily stops all vehicular traffic while a pedestrian-control signal indicates that all pedestrians at the intersection shall cross the intersection at the same time.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.