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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to creating a pedestrian safety rating system for motor vehicles

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 216-b to read as follows:

§ 216-b. Pedestrian safety rating system for motor vehicle models. 1. The commissioner shall cause to be created a pedestrian safety rating system for every motor vehicle model registered by individuals in this state which shall be made publicly available on the department's internet website. Such pedestrian safety rating system shall provide a rating between one and five stars for every motor vehicle model based on:

(a) the frequency of collisions and number and severity of injuries resulting from such collisions involving a bicyclist or pedestrian as reported in the state for such motor vehicle model, compared to the total number of such motor vehicle model registered in the state;

(b) safety features that the commissioner determines are relevant to pedestrian and bicyclist safety, including but not limited to, automatic collision warning or pedestrian detection features, automatic braking, and visibility; and

(c) any other factors the commissioner determines are relevant to pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

2. The commissioner shall issue regulations to all motor vehicle manufacturers, dealers, brokers, distributors, and other business entities required to register in section four hundred fifteen of this article to require such entities to adopt the pedestrian safety rating

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

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system prescribed in subdivision one of this section at such entity's place of business. Such entities shall be required to conspicuously post the pedestrian safety rating of between one and five stars on each motor vehicle advertised for sale at the place of business.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however that the pedestrian safety rating system described in section 216-b of the vehicle and traffic law as added by section one of this act shall be finalized by the commissioner within six months of the effective date of this act.