# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

February 9, 2024

Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN-SIGAL -- 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

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. Subdivision 24-a of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 604 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:

24-a. It shall be unlawful to operate upon any public highway in this state a motor vehicle, limited use automobile, limited use motorcycle or bicycle while the operator is wearing more than one earphone attached to a radio, tape player or other audio device **or is wearing a virtual reality headset**.

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

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

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