STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 5, 2024

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 rear occupant alert systems in certain vehicles

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

Section 1. Section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 55 to read as follows:

55. Rear occupant alert systems. (a) It shall be unlawful after July first, two thousand twenty-six for any person, firm, association or corporation to sell or offer for sale in this state a new motor vehicle which is to be registered in this state and which was manufactured or assembled on or after such date, and designed as a two thousand twenty-seven or later model, unless such vehicle is equipped with a rear occupant alert system. For the purposes of this subdivision, "rear occupant alert system" shall mean technology that detects the presence of an occupant such as a child or pet in the rear seat of a vehicle after the vehicle has been turned off and which alerts the driver of such presence.

(b) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations relative to rear occupant alert systems on motor vehicles and the approval of the same as are not inconsistent with the provisions of federal law, rule or regulation, relating thereto. This subdivision shall not apply to motorcycles, a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section two of the transportation law, or a combination of a commercial motor vehicle and trailer.

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

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

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