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Introduced by M. of A. ANGELINO, BENDETT, BRABENEC, LEMONDES, McDONOUGH, MILLER, MORINELLO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to allowing police vehicles to have one or more forward facing blue lights

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

Section 1. Subparagraph b of paragraph 4 of subdivision 41 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 143 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

b. In addition to the red and white lights authorized to be displayed pursuant to paragraph two of this subdivision, one or more blue lights or combination blue and red lights or combination blue, red and white lights may be affixed to a police vehicle, fire vehicle, ambulance, emergency ambulance service vehicle, and county emergency medical services vehicle provided that such blue light or lights shall be displayed on a [~~police vehicle,~~] fire vehicle, ambulance, emergency ambulance service vehicle, and county emergency medical services vehicle for rear projection only**, and provided further that such blue light or lights may be displayed on a police vehicle for rear projection and forward projection. If such blue light is displayed on a police vehicle for forward projection, such blue light shall be displayed in combination with a red and/or white light**. In the event that the trunk or rear gate of a police vehicle, fire vehicle, ambulance, emergency ambulance service vehicle, and county emergency medical services vehicle obstructs or diminishes the visibility of other emergency lighting on such vehicles, a blue light may be affixed to and displayed from the trunk, rear gate or interior of such vehicles. Such lights may be displayed on a police vehicle, fire vehicle, ambulance, emergency ambulance service vehicle, and county emergency medical services vehicle when such vehi-

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

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cles are engaged in an emergency operation. Nothing contained in this subparagraph shall be deemed to authorize the use of blue lights on police vehicles, fire vehicles, ambulances, emergency ambulance service vehicles, and county emergency medical services vehicles unless such vehicles also display one or more red or combination red and white lights as otherwise authorized in this subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.