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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. STECK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the operation of vehicles when approaching bicyclists on the roadway

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

Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 1146 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 333 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any bicyclist, pedestrian, or domestic animal upon any roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary. **The due care required to avoid colliding with any bicyclist shall include, but not be limited to, the driver of a vehicle moving from the lane with the bicyclist, if safe to do so; provided, however, if the driver of the vehicle is unable to change lanes safely or would cross a yellow line to change lanes, the driver of the vehicle shall reduce their speed.** For the purposes of this section, the term "domestic animal" shall mean domesticated sheep, cattle, and goats which are under the supervision and control of a pedestrian.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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