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Introduced by M. of A. MAGNARELLI, STECK, LEVENBERG, SHIMSKY, LAVINE, WEPRIN, SAYEGH, SANTABARBARA, ZINERMAN, DAVILA, HYNDMAN, REYES -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. WOERNER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to driver education

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 507 of the vehicle and traffic law, as separately amended by chapters 229 and 230 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

1. Driver education. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, a class D or class M license, whichever is appropriate, may be issued to a minor seventeen years of age who has successfully completed a driver education course approved by the state education department and the commissioner in a high school or college **or approved by the commissioner for a course at a licensed New York state driving school** and who has submitted proof of completion of the minimum hours of supervised driving as required in paragraph (d) of subdivision two of section five hundred two of this article; provided however, the Yeshiva of Staten Island, which operates as a high school, may provide driver education courses at the Arthur Kill Road Jewish Community Center of Staten Island and the Manor Road Jewish Community Center of Staten Island, located in the county of Richmond; provided however, the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, a unified school that operates a high school, may provide a driver education course approved by the state education department in a middle school or elementary school location provided such course instruction occurs when elementary or middle school is not in session. No such driver education course may be approved unless classroom training is provided by a person approved by the state education department

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

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and the commissioner. However, a school district may contract with one or more licensed drivers' schools to provide behind the wheel training, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner. The commissioner shall prescribe the requirements for licensing of such minors. A student enrolled in such an approved driver education course may operate a motor vehicle without holding a driver's license or a learner's permit while under the immediate supervision of an instructor in such course or a driver's school instructor providing behind the wheel training in such a course, provided such operation is in accordance with the rules established by the commissioner. Every student who successfully completes such course in a day, evening or summer school program offered by a public or private school shall receive certification of such completion on a certificate prescribed by the commissioner.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.