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

AN ACT to amend the highway law, in relation to installing zero-emission charging and refueling station signs on New York state highways

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

Section 1. Section 88 of the highway law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12-a to read as follows:

12-a. (a) The commissioner shall develop and implement, upon federal approval if necessary, an official business directional sign program to provide directional information regarding the presence of publicly available zero-emission vehicle charging and refueling stations. Such program may be incorporated into the official business directional sign program implemented by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision twelve of this section. The official business zero-emission vehicle station directional sign program guidelines shall include the installation and maintenance of signage designating where publicly accessible zero-emission vehicle charging and refueling stations are located within three miles of a roadway exit or off-ramp in accordance with the manual on uniform traffic control devices.

(b) The official business zero-emission vehicle station directional sign program shall be integrated with, but not limited by, information centers provided for in subdivision ten of this section to maximize the information made available in the specific interest of the traveling public.

(c) The installation of zero-emission vehicle charging and refueling station signage shall only occur during the regular course of maintenance for existing signage. The commissioner shall seek to speed federal approval of the official business zero-emission vehicle directional sign program if such approval is necessary.

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

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(d) For purposes of this section "zero-emission vehicle" shall mean a motor vehicle that is propelled by an electric motor and associated power electronics which provide acceleration torque to the drive wheels during normal vehicle operation and draws electricity from a hydrogen fuel cell or from a battery which is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity; or otherwise operates without direct emission of atmospheric pollutants.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law and apply to signage installed or maintained by the department of transportation on or after such effective date.