

STATE OF NEW YORK

10723

IN SENATE

October 16, 2026

Introduced by Sen. BOTTCER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to enacting the "Bicycle Traffic Safety Education Alternative act"

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Bicycle
2 Traffic Safety Education Alternative act".

3 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
4 1244 to read as follows:

5 § 1244. Bicycle traffic safety education alternative. 1. Notwith-
6 standing any other provision of law, a person charged with a noncriminal
7 traffic violation arising from the operation of a bicycle or bicycle
8 with electric assist may elect to view a bicycle traffic safety educa-
9 tion video approved by the commissioner in lieu of payment of a fine,
10 provided that such person has not had a traffic violation dismissed
11 pursuant to subdivision three of this section within the preceding
12 twelve months.

13 2. The video approved pursuant to subdivision one of this section
14 shall address bicycle traffic laws, pedestrian safety, and the conse-
15 quences of unsafe cycling behavior as determined by the commissioner.
16 Such video may be viewed at the time of the infraction, when made avail-
17 able by the issuing law enforcement officer, or at a later date in
18 person at a location designated by the commissioner or an authorized
19 local authority.

20 3. Upon verified completion of the video within the time prescribed by
21 the commissioner, the noncriminal traffic violation shall be dismissed
22 and no fine shall be imposed.

23 4. This section shall not apply to violations involving physical inju-
24 ry to another person or reckless conduct.

25 5. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary
26 to implement this section, including procedures for verifying completion
27 and dismissing violations.

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

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1 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
2 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of
3 motor vehicles is authorized to promulgate any rule or regulation neces-
4 sary for the implementation of this act on or before such effective
5 date.