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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the operation of vehicles that are on approach of vehicles displaying a green or blue light

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

Section 1. The section heading and subdivision (b) of section 1144 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 300 of the laws of 1960, are amended to read as follows:

Operation of vehicles on approach of authorized emergency vehicles **or vehicles displaying a green or blue light**.

(b) This section shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle **or a vehicle authorized to display a green or blue light** from the duty to drive with reasonable care for all persons using the highway.

§ 2. Section 1144 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Upon the immediate approach of a vehicle equipped with at least one lighted lamp exhibiting a green or blue light, pursuant to subdivision forty-one of section three hundred seventy-five of this chapter, which is visible under normal atmospheric conditions, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway, or to either edge of a one-way roadway three or more lanes in width, clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the vehicle has passed.

§ 3. 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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