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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:

1 Section 1. The section heading and subdivision (b) of section 1144 of
2 the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 300 of the laws of
3 1960, are amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

21 § 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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