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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. HELMING, MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT in relation to authorizing and directing the commissioner of transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility of removing all existing 3-cable guide rails on New York roadways; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

- 1 Section 1. 1. The commissioner of transportation is authorized and
2 directed to conduct a study on the feasibility of removing all existing
3 3-cable guide rails on New York roadways and replacing such guide rails
4 with safer modern alternatives. Such study shall include, but not be
5 limited to:
- 6 a. The approximate location and mileage within the state where 3-cable
7 guide rails are still in use;
 - 8 b. The estimated cost to remove and replace the remaining 3-cable
9 guide rails and whether such costs would be primarily borne by the state
10 or the localities where such rails are in use;
 - 11 c. The estimated duration the removal would take if conducted in the
12 most cost-effective manner for both the state and affected localities;
13 and
 - 14 d. The estimated impact on vehicle and motorist safety by removing and
15 replacing 3-cable guide rails with modern alternatives.
- 16 § 2. In conducting such study, the commissioner of transportation may
17 consult with any federal, state, or local office, agency, or department
18 and request information from any such entity that is relevant and mate-
19 rial to the completion of such study and subsequent report.
- 20 § 3. Within one year after the effective date of this act, the commis-
21 sioner of transportation shall prepare and submit to the governor, the
22 temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the
23 minority leader of the senate, and the minority leader of the assembly a

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

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1 report containing the study's findings concerning the feasibility of
2 removing and replacing all existing 3-cable guide rails on New York
3 roadways and recommendations for legislative or other actions that can
4 be undertaken to implement provisions as deemed feasible by such report.
5 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
6 deemed repealed one year after it shall have become a law.