STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 4, 2025

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 requiring certain motor vehicle forms and applications to be available in Punjabi, Bengali and Hindi

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

Section 1. Section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

10. Forms to be made available in certain foreign languages. Except as otherwise prohibited by federal law, rule or regulation the commissioner shall, within a city having a population of one million or more, ensure that all written tests, forms and applications for an initial learner's permit or driver's license issued pursuant to the provisions of this article are also available in Punjabi, Bengali and Hindi and provide translation and interpretation services in such languages to a person applying for such learner's permit or driver's license in such city, upon his or her request. Nothing contained in this subdivision shall be deemed to prohibit the commissioner from making such tests, forms, applications, and translation and interpretation services available in other languages.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.

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

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