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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- 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 authorizing certain persons to use an ATV to enter and exit certain lands during ice fishing season

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

1 Section 1. Section 2403 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

3 2-a. Public lands permitting ice fishing. During times when ice fish-
4 ing is permitted and only on lands where snowmobile use is permitted by
5 the department of environmental conservation, including wildlife manage-
6 ment areas, state forests, forest preserves, and state parks, a person
7 may operate an ATV to enter and exit such lands when such person is
8 sixty-five years of age or older or has a mobility impairment that would
9 otherwise prevent such person from ice fishing access without the use of
10 such ATV, as determined by a physician. Such persons may utilize an ATV
11 as the operator or passenger and shall restrict such usage to traveling
12 to and from ice fishing locations.

13 § 2. 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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