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# IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- 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 aggravated reckless driving

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

Section 1. Section 1212 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 436 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1212. Reckless driving. (a) **(i)** Reckless driving shall mean driving or using any motor vehicle, motorcycle or any other vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power or any appliance or accessory thereof in a manner which unreasonably interferes with the free and proper use of the public highway or any parking lot, or unreasonably endangers users of the public highway or any parking lot. Reckless driving is prohibited. Every person violating this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**(ii) Aggravated reckless driving shall mean reckless driving involving harm to an identifiable person or property, and shall constitute a class A misdemeanor.**

(b) As used in this section, "parking lot" shall mean any area or areas of private property, including a driveway, near or contiguous to and provided in connection with premises and used as a means of access to and egress from a public highway to such premises and having a capacity for the parking of four or more motor vehicles. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any area or areas of private property comprising all or part of property on which is situated a one or two family residence.

§ 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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