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Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- 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 exceptions to the ban on night riding

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

Section 1. Section 1264 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 676 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1264. Ban on night riding. **(a)** No person shall ride or lead a horse upon a roadway during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise**, provided however that horse-drawn carriages or carts may be driven upon a roadway during such period if they display:**

(1) at least two lighted lamps on the front of the vehicle, one on each side, having light sources of equal power and visible from the front for a distance of at least three hundred fifty feet;

(2) at least one lighted lamp on the rear, located between the center and the left side of the vehicle, which shall display a red or amber fixed or flashing light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet; and

(3) reflective material upon the shafts of the vehicle or other parts thereof which shall normally parallel the body, head or legs of the horse pulling such vehicle.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to [~~horse-drawn carriages or carts or~~] police officers, peace officers or park rangers mounted on horseback.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day 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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