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IN SENATE

April 6, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to establishing an interactive website for reporting defects on public highways

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

Section 1. Section 14 of the transportation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 37 to read as follows:

37. (a) For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "defect" shall include, but not be limited to, bad road condition, potholes, tall grass, graffiti, roadway debris, litter, animal carcasses, issues with traffic control devices or road signage, guardrail damage, and necessary maintenance.

(b) The commissioner shall establish an interactive website by which persons may report the locations of defects of public highways and receive, at such person's request, notification when repairs to the reported defect have been completed or, where the reported defect is not on a state highway system or the New York state thruway, notification when information regarding the reported defect has been transmitted to the municipality responsible for such public highway. The commissioner shall also post the locations of each reported defect on the state highway system or the New York state thruway on such interactive website until such time as such defect is repaired. The commissioner shall also inform municipalities when a defect is reported on a public highway which is the responsibility of such municipality.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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