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Introduced by M. of A. MAGNARELLI, SHIMSKY, SANTABARBARA, COLTON, McDONALD, LUPARDO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT in relation to establishing a comprehensive study examining highway safety standards and necessary worker protection improvements

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

Section 1. The New York state department of transportation, in consultation with the department of motor vehicles, the governor's traffic safety committee, the thruway authority, and the division of state police, is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a comprehensive study of highway construction and maintenance worker safety.

§ 2. The department of transportation shall gather feedback on the safety of highway construction and maintenance workers from a broad range of stakeholders, including but not limited to road and bridge construction and maintenance workers, labor unions, road and bridge construction contractors and their associations, project administrators, and municipal officials. The department of transportation shall hold at least three public hearings across the state to gather input from such stakeholders.

§ 3. The results, findings, and recommendations of the study shall be for study purposes only and shall not be considered binding upon the executive or the legislature in any manner.

§ 4. The study required by this act shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) an examination and review of the impact of the current regulatory framework and other measures used to improve the safety of highway construction and maintenance workers including, but not limited to, the operation of photo speed violation monitoring systems within work zones, the use of a police presence at major active work zones as defined by the commissioner of transportation, the highway construction and maintenance safety education program established pursuant to section 224-a of

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

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the vehicle and traffic law, the highway construction and maintenance safety education fund established pursuant to section 99-n of the state finance law, and any other applicable law, rule, or regulation;

(b) the identification of best practices in the road construction and maintenance industry relating to highway construction and maintenance worker safety that could be implemented to improve the safety of such workers, including methods used in other states or countries;

(c) a review and analysis of studies, statistics, and data driven analysis models relating to further improvements in highway construction and maintenance worker safety and protection;

(d) a review and analysis of the feedback from stakeholders gathered by the department of transportation pursuant to this act; and

(e) anticipated costs associated with implementing new roadway safety measures reviewed as part of the study.

§ 5. No later than one year after the effective date of this act, the department of transportation shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assembly, and the chairs and ranking members of the senate and assembly transportation committees. The report shall also be published on the department of transportation's public website.

§ 6. For the purposes of this act, the term "labor union" shall mean a bona fide labor organization which has established itself, and/or its affiliates, as the collective bargaining representative for persons who perform road or bridge construction or maintenance work.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately.