STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 23, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to reckless driving; and to amend the penal law, in relation to criminal negligence involving the use of a motor vehicle

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

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

(a) 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 **(1)** unreasonably interferes with the free and proper use of the public highway or any parking lot, or **(2)** unreasonably endangers users of the public highway or any parking lot**, or (3) is reckless within the meaning of section 15.05 of the penal law**. [~~Reckless~~] **All such** driving is prohibited. Every person violating this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

§ 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 15.07 to read as follows:

§ 15.07 Culpability; criminal negligence involving the use of a motor vehicle.

Notwithstanding section 15.05 of this article, a person may be found to have acted with criminal negligence involving the use of a motor vehicle with respect to a homicide, as defined under section 125.10 of this chapter, or an assault, as defined under section 120.00 of this chapter, if it is established that such person was recklessly driving, as defined under section twelve hundred twelve of the vehicle and traffic law.

§ 3. 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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