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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, the state finance law and the education law, in relation to high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices

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

1 Section 1. Section 114-d of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by
2 chapter 365 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 114-d. Electric personal assistive mobility device. Every self-ba-
4 lancing, one wheeled or two non-tandem wheeled device designed to trans-
5 port one person by means of an electric propulsion system with an aver-
6 age output of not more than seven hundred fifty watts (one horsepower),
7 and the maximum speed of which on a paved level surface, when propelled
8 solely by its electric propulsion system while ridden by an operator
9 weighing one hundred seventy pounds, is less than [~~twelve and one-half~~]
10 twenty miles per hour.

11 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
12 114-f to read as follows:

13 § 114-f. High-speed electric personal assistive mobility device. Every
14 self-balancing, one wheeled or two tandem or non-tandem wheeled device
15 designed to transport one person by means of an electric propulsion
16 system that exceeds twenty miles per hour on a paved level surface, when
17 propelled solely by its electric propulsion system while ridden by an
18 operator weighing less than one hundred seventy pounds.

19 § 3. Section 121-c of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chap-
20 ter 931 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

21 § 121-c. Limited use vehicle. A motor vehicle, other than one regis-
22 tered or capable of being registered pursuant to sections four hundred
23 one [~~or~~], four hundred ten, or four hundred fourteen of this chapter,

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

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1 which has a maximum performance speed of not more than forty miles per
2 hour, as defined in section one hundred twenty-two-b of this chapter.

3 § 4. Section 204 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter
4 464 of the laws of 1960, is amended to read as follows:

5 § 204. Subpoenaing hearing referees. No officer or employee of the
6 department of motor vehicles who has conducted a hearing concerning an
7 owner or operator of a motor vehicle, high-speed electric personal
8 assistive mobility device, or motorcycle shall be required to appear in
9 any court as a witness in a civil action in which such owner or operator
10 is a party except pursuant to a subpoena signed by a judge of a court of
11 record, or a judge of the court in which the action is pending, issued
12 upon an application to such judge after, at least, one day's notice to
13 the commissioner or a deputy commissioner of motor vehicles.

14 § 5. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new article
15 12-E to read as follows:

16 ARTICLE 12-E

17 EQUIPMENT OF HIGH-SPEED ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES

18 Section 399-aa. Design and manufacture.

19 399-bb. Turning indicators.

20 399-cc. Bells.

21 399-dd. Pedestrian safety standards.

22 399-ee. Prohibited chargers.

23 399-ff. Operator's manual.

24 399-gg. Law governing disputes over design, manufacture, and 25 safety.

26 § 399-aa. Design and manufacture. Other than the special provisions
27 under this article, a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility
28 device may be manufactured and designed in accordance with relevant
29 safety and design principles.

30 § 399-bb. Turning indicators. A high-speed electric personal assistive
31 mobility device shall not be required to have a turning indicator.

32 § 399-cc. Bells. No person shall operate a high-speed electric
33 personal assistive mobility device unless it is equipped with, or the
34 operator is holding, a bell or other device capable of giving a signal
35 audible for a distance of at least one hundred feet, except that such
36 device shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon such
37 device any siren or whistle.

38 § 399-dd. Pedestrian safety standards. All high-speed electric
39 personal assistive mobility devices shall be manufactured and designed
40 to mitigate the risk of serious fatal injury in child and adult pedes-
41 trian collisions.

42 § 399-ee. Prohibited charging devices. No high-speed electric
43 personal assistive mobility device shall be sold or charged with a
44 universal charger.

45 § 399-ff. Operator's manual. Every high-speed electric personal assis-
46 tive mobility device shall come with an operation manual that may be
47 either printed or readily accessible via the internet.

48 § 399-gg. Law governing disputes over design, manufacture, pedestrian
49 safety, and failure to warn. All disputes related to the design, the
50 manufacture, pedestrian safety, and failure to warn shall be governed by
51 the state's common law on product liability and if no applicable common
52 law exists, then by statute.

53 § 6. Subdivision a of section 400 of the vehicle and traffic law, as
54 added by chapter 776 of the laws of 1959, is amended to read as follows:

a. Upon the registration, numbering and regulation of motor vehicles, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices, and motorcycles; and

§ 7. Section 403-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 61 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

§ 403-a. Temporary indicia of registration. The commissioner may promulgate regulations to provide for temporary indicia of registration which shall permit a person to operate or park a motor vehicle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device or trailer on the public highways of this state without number plates or number decals issued by the commissioner or validating stickers for a period not to exceed fifteen days when the number plate or plates, number decal or validating sticker for such motor vehicle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device or trailer has been lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed. Such regulations may provide for the charging of a fee of not more than three dollars for any issuance of temporary indicia of registration. Any person who operates or parks a motor vehicle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device or trailer on the public highways of this state, which motor vehicle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device or trailer is in fact validly registered pursuant to the provisions of section four hundred one ~~[or]~~, four hundred ten, or four hundred fourteen of this ~~[chapter]~~ title, without a number plate or plates, number decal or validating sticker, and who has complied with any such regulations promulgated by the commissioner under this section shall not be deemed to be operating or parking a motor vehicle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device or trailer in violation of subdivision one or three of section four hundred two or section four hundred three of this ~~[chapter]~~ title. Falsifying any temporary indicia of registration prescribed by any regulation of the commissioner issued pursuant to this section shall be a traffic infraction.

§ 8. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new article 15-B to read as follows:

ARTICLE 15-B

REGISTRATION OF HIGH-SPEED ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES

Section 414. Registration of high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices; fees; renewals.

414-a. High-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety program.

414-b. Distinctive number; form of number decals.

414-c. Financial security.

414-d. Punishment for violation.

§ 414. Registration of high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices; fees; renewals. 1. Registration by owners. No high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices shall be operated or driven upon the public highways of this state with a posted speed limit of less than forty miles per hour without first being registered in accordance with the provisions of this article, except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter. Every owner of a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device which shall be operated or driven upon the public highways of this state with a posted speed limit of less than forty miles per hour shall, except as otherwise expressly provided, cause to be filed, by mail or otherwise, in the office or a branch office of the commissioner, or with an agent of the commissioner, constituted as provided in this chapter, an application for registration, addressed to the commissioner, and on a blank to be prepared under

1 the direction of and furnished by the commissioner for that purpose,
2 containing:

3 (a) a brief description of the high-speed electric personal assistive
4 mobility device to be registered, including the name of the manufacturer
5 and factory number of such device; and

6 (b) the name, residence, including county and business address of the
7 owner of such high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device.

8 2. Registration record. Upon the receipt of a sufficient application
9 for registration, as provided in this article, the commissioner or agent
10 receiving it shall register such high-speed electric personal assistive
11 mobility device, and maintain a record of the registration of such high-
12 speed electric personal assistive mobility device under the distinctive
13 number assigned to such high-speed electric personal assistive mobility
14 device, as provided in this section, and the information in such record
15 may be obtained upon payment of the fees specified in section two
16 hundred two of this chapter.

17 3. Certificate of registration. (a) Upon the filing of such applica-
18 tion and the payment of the fee hereinafter provided, the commissioner
19 shall assign to such high-speed electric personal assistive mobility
20 device a distinctive number and, without expense to the applicant, issue
21 and deliver in such manner as the commissioner may select to the owner a
22 certificate of registration, in such form as the commissioner may
23 prescribe, and a number decal at a place within the state of New York
24 named by the applicant in such applicant's application. In the event of
25 the loss, mutilation or destruction of any certificate of registration
26 or number decal, the owner of a registered device may file such state-
27 ment and proof of the facts as the commissioner shall require, with a
28 fee of three dollars, in the office of the commissioner, or, unless and
29 until the commissioner shall otherwise direct, in the office of the
30 agent who issued the certificate or decal and the commissioner or the
31 commissioner's agent, as the case may be, shall issue a duplicate or
32 substitute. No application for registration shall be accepted unless the
33 applicant is at least eighteen years of age.

34 (b) Upon the issuance of a certificate of registration, the commis-
35 sioner shall provide the owner of such device with a notice regarding
36 the laws governing unidentifiable high-speed electric personal assistive
37 mobility device parts, in such form and manner as the commissioner may
38 prescribe.

39 4. Times for registration and reregistration. Registration applied for
40 and certificates issued under any application shall expire on a date
41 determined by the commissioner. Registration shall be renewed period-
42 ically in the same manner and upon payment of the same annual fee as
43 provided in this section for registration, to take effect and to expire
44 on dates to be determined by the commissioner. Provided, however, that
45 the commissioner shall have authority to fix the length of time for
46 which any such device which is registered without fee shall be regis-
47 tered. Provided further, however, that renewal of a registration may be
48 used preceding the expiration date of such registration including such
49 expiration date.

50 5. Registration fees. (a) The annual fee for registration or reregis-
51 tration of a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device
52 shall be seventeen dollars and fifty cents.

53 (b) Where a registration is made for a period of more or less than one
54 calendar year, the registration fee shall not be prorated. The
55 provisions hereof with respect to the payment of registration fees shall
56 not apply to high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices

1 owned or controlled by the state, a city, county, village or town or any
2 of the departments thereof, or any school district or county extension
3 service association, but in other respects shall be applicable.

4 6. Fees in lieu of taxes. The registration fees imposed by this arti-
5 cle upon such devices shall be in lieu of all taxes, general or local,
6 to which high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices may be
7 subject.

8 § 414-a. High-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety
9 program. 1. The commissioner shall establish and administer a high-speed
10 electric personal assistive mobility device safety program which shall
11 consist of approved high-speed electric personal assistive mobility
12 device rider training courses, high-speed electric personal assistive
13 mobility device course instructor training, program promotion, and
14 public awareness. Approved rider training courses shall be approved by
15 the department. Approved courses shall include at least eight hours of
16 instruction in the actual operation of a high-speed electric personal
17 assistive mobility device. Monies from the high-speed electric personal
18 assistive mobility device safety fund established pursuant to section
19 ninety-two-kk of the state finance law shall be used for the establish-
20 ment and implementation of this program.

21 2. The commissioner shall issue a request for proposals for the coor-
22 ordination of a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device
23 safety program which shall set requirements for the preparation of bids.
24 The commissioner shall enter into a contract, for a period of five
25 years, with a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device
26 rider training coordinating organization selected pursuant to such proc-
27 ess. The contract shall be awarded following the consideration of
28 factors which shall include, but not be limited to, the most favorable
29 financial advantage for the state, the greatest utility to the rider,
30 the comprehensiveness and effectiveness of such organization and its
31 compatibility with the existing rider education programs. The high-speed
32 electric personal assistive mobility device rider training coordination
33 organization shall be subject to periodic reporting requirements estab-
34 lished by the department outlining the administration and effectiveness
35 of its program and an itemization of all high-speed electric personal
36 assistive mobility device safety fund allocations. Such high-speed elec-
37 tric personal assistive mobility device rider training coordinating
38 organization shall have as its administrator an individual who has no
39 financial or proprietary interest in a high-speed electric personal
40 assistive mobility device training school or facility.

41 3. The high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device rider
42 training coordinating organization shall submit to the commissioner for
43 approval requests for advances pursuant to a contract and reimbursements
44 from the high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety
45 fund for equipment, operating and administrative costs and other
46 expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The
47 commissioner shall approve all such requests for expenditures that are
48 in accordance with the provisions of this section.

49 4. The commissioner shall annually file a report on expenditures from
50 the high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety fund,
51 established pursuant to section ninety-two-kk of the state finance law,
52 with the legislature. Such report shall include the name of the funded
53 high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device rider training
54 coordinating organization and the amount of funds distributed to it and
55 shall provide an evaluation of the overall effectiveness of the funded
56 programs and any recommendations for programmatic changes.

1 § 414-b. Distinctive number; form of number decals. 1. No person shall
2 operate or drive a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility
3 device on the public highways of this state with a posted speed limit of
4 less than forty miles per hour unless such high-speed electric personal
5 assistive mobility device shall have a distinctive number assigned to it
6 by the commissioner and a number decal issued by the commissioner with a
7 number corresponding to that of the certificate of registration conspic-
8 uously displayed on a conspicuous part of such high-speed electric
9 personal assistive mobility device which is readily visible.

10 2. Such number decals shall be of such material, form, design and
11 dimensions and contain or set forth such distinguishing number or other
12 identification marks as the commissioner shall prescribe, provided,
13 however, that there shall be at all times a marked contrast between the
14 color of the number decals and that of the numerals or letters thereon,
15 and provided further that no high-speed electric personal assistive
16 mobility device shall display the number decals of more than one state
17 at a time, nor shall any decal be used other than those issued by the
18 commissioner.

19 3. No person shall operate or drive a high-speed electric personal
20 assistive mobility device upon the public highways of this state with a
21 posted speed limit of less than forty miles per hour having displayed
22 thereon a number decal not proper for such high-speed electric personal
23 assistive mobility device under the provisions of this chapter and, upon
24 conviction for this offense, the number decal shall be destroyed with
25 proof of such destruction submitted to the court for delivery to the
26 commissioner.

27 4. No person shall knowingly authorize or permit a number decal issued
28 for a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device owned and
29 registered by such person to be displayed on any high-speed electric
30 personal assistive mobility device other than a high-speed electric
31 personal assistive mobility device to which such number decal has been
32 assigned by the commissioner.

33 § 414-c. Financial security. No evidence of financial security shall
34 be required to register a high-speed electric personal assistive mobili-
35 ty device.

36 § 414-d. Punishment for violation. The violation of any of the
37 provisions of section four hundred fourteen of this article shall be
38 punishable by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred
39 dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than fifteen days, or by both
40 such fine and imprisonment except, if the violation consists of failure
41 to renew a registration which was valid within sixty days, the fine
42 shall be not less than twenty-five dollars. A violation of any of the
43 provisions of section four hundred fourteen-b of this article shall be
44 punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than two
45 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than fifteen days, or by
46 both such fine and imprisonment.

47 § 9. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new article
48 34-E to read as follows:

49 ARTICLE 34-E

50 OPERATION OF HIGH-SPEED ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES
51 Section 1295. Traffic laws apply to persons operating high-speed elec-
52 tric personal assistive mobility devices.

53 1296. Riding on high-speed electric personal assistive mobility
54 device.

55 1297. Operating high-speed electric personal assistive mobility
56 device on highways laned for traffic.

1 1298. Clinging to other vehicles.

2 § 1295. Traffic laws apply to persons operating high-speed electric
3 personal assistive mobility devices. Every person operating a high-speed
4 electric personal assistive mobility device shall be granted all of the
5 rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driv-
6 er of any other vehicle under this title, except as to special regu-
7 lations in this article and except as to those provisions of this title
8 which by their nature can have no application.

9 § 1296. Riding on high-speed electric personal assistive mobility
10 device. 1. A person operating a high-speed electric personal assistive
11 mobility device shall ride only in the manner prescribed by the manufac-
12 turer of such device, and such rider shall not carry any other person
13 nor shall any other person ride on a high-speed electric personal assis-
14 tive mobility device.

15 2. No person shall operate a high-speed electric personal assistive
16 mobility device while carrying any package, bundle or other article
17 which prevents such person from operating such device in the manner
18 prescribed by the manufacturer.

19 3. No person shall carry any person, nor shall any person ride, in a
20 position that will interfere with the operation of control of the high-
21 speed electric personal assistive mobility device or the view of the
22 operator.

23 § 1297. Operating high-speed electric personal assistive mobility
24 device on highways laned for traffic. 1. All high-speed electric
25 personal assistive mobility devices are entitled to full use of a lane
26 and no motor vehicle or high-speed electric personal assistive mobility
27 device shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any high-speed
28 electric personal assistive mobility device of the full use of a lane.
29 However, this section shall not be construed to prevent high-speed elec-
30 tric personal assistive mobility device from being operated two abreast
31 in a single lane.

32 2. The operator of a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility
33 device shall not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the
34 vehicle being overtaken.

35 3. No person shall operate a high-speed electric personal assistive
36 mobility device between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or
37 rows of vehicles.

38 4. High-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices shall not
39 be operated more than two abreast in a single lane.

40 5. No high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall be
41 operated on a highway with a posted speed limit of greater than forty
42 miles per hour.

43 6. Every high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device when
44 in use during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half
45 hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a light on the front which
46 shall emit a white light visible during hours of darkness from a
47 distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and with an addi-
48 tional red light visible to the rear for three hundred feet. At least
49 one of these lights shall be visible for two hundred feet from each
50 side.

51 7. Every high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall
52 be equipped with a system that enables the operator to bring the device
53 to a controlled stop.

54 § 1298. Clinging to other vehicles. No person riding upon a high-speed
55 electric personal assistive mobility device shall attach themselves or the

high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device to any other vehicle or streetcar on a highway.

§ 10. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 92-kk to read as follows:

§ 92-kk. High-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a special fund to be known as the "high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety fund".

2. Moneys of the fund, following appropriation by the legislature, shall be made available to the department of motor vehicles only for the administration and implementation of the high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety program established pursuant to section four hundred fourteen-a of the vehicle and traffic law. No more than ten percent of the annual receipts of the fund may be used for administrative and personnel costs of the department needed to implement and administer the program. Remaining moneys of the fund shall be used for the administrative and operating expenses of the high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device rider training coordinating organization designated under section four hundred fourteen-a of the vehicle and traffic law.

3. The moneys of the fund shall be paid out on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of motor vehicles, including advances of funds pursuant to a contract to a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device rider training coordinating organization. At the end of each year any moneys remaining in the fund shall be retained in the fund and shall not revert to the general fund. The interest and income earned on money in the fund, after deducting any applicable charges, shall be credited to the fund.

§ 11. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 501 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (ix) to read as follows:

(ix) Class E1. Such license shall be valid to operate any high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device, as defined in section one hundred fourteen-f of this chapter.

§ 12. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 618 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this subdivision an applicant for a class A, B, C ~~[or]~~, E or E1 license shall be at least eighteen years of age.

§ 13. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 520 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this subdivision an applicant for a class B, C ~~[or]~~, E or E1 license shall be at least eighteen years of age.

§ 14. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) and paragraphs (b), (c-3) and (d) of subdivision 4 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 379 of the laws of 2022, paragraph (c-3) as added by chapter 355 of the laws of 2017 and paragraph (d) as amended by chapter 477 of the laws of 2024, are amended to read as follows:

(i) Upon submission of an application for a driver's license, the applicant shall be required to take and pass a test, or submit evidence of passage of a test, with respect to the laws relating to traffic, the

1 laws relating to driving while ability is impaired and while intoxicat-
2 ed, under the overpowering influence of "Road Rage", "Work Zone Safety"
3 awareness, "Motorcycle and High-Speed Electric Personal Assistive Mobil-
4 ity Device Safety" awareness and "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety"
5 awareness as defined by the commissioner, "School Bus Safety" awareness,
6 the law relating to exercising due care to avoid colliding with a
7 parked, stopped or standing authorized emergency vehicle or hazard vehi-
8 cle pursuant to section eleven hundred forty-four-a of this chapter, the
9 ability to read and comprehend traffic signs and symbols and such other
10 matters as the commissioner may prescribe, and to satisfactorily
11 complete a course prescribed by the commissioner of not less than four
12 hours and not more than five hours, consisting of classroom driver
13 training and highway safety instruction or the equivalent thereof. Such
14 test shall include at least seven written questions concerning the
15 effects of consumption of alcohol or drugs on the ability of a person to
16 operate a motor vehicle and the legal and financial consequences result-
17 ing from violations of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this chap-
18 ter, prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influ-
19 ence of alcohol or drugs. Such test shall include one or more written
20 questions concerning the devastating effects of "Road Rage" on the abil-
21 ity of a person to operate a motor vehicle and the legal and financial
22 consequences resulting from assaulting, threatening or interfering with
23 the lawful conduct of another person legally using the roadway. Such
24 test shall include one or more questions concerning the potential
25 dangers to persons and equipment resulting from the unsafe operation of
26 a motor vehicle in a work zone. Such test may include one or more ques-
27 tions concerning motorcycle safety. Such test may include one or more
28 questions concerning the law for exercising due care to avoid colliding
29 with a parked, stopped or standing vehicle pursuant to section eleven
30 hundred forty-four-a of this chapter. Such test may include one or more
31 questions concerning school bus safety. Such test may include one or
32 more questions concerning pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Such test
33 shall be administered by the commissioner. The commissioner shall cause
34 the applicant to take a vision test and a test for color blindness. Upon
35 passage of the vision test, the application may be accepted and the
36 application fee shall be payable.

37 (b) Upon successful completion of the requirements set forth in para-
38 graph (a) of this subdivision which shall include an alcohol and drug
39 education component as described in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, a
40 "Road Rage" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-1) of this
41 subdivision, a "Work Zone Safety" awareness component as described in
42 paragraph (c-2) of this subdivision, a "Motorcycle and High-Speed Elec-
43 tric Personal Assistive Mobility Device Safety" awareness component as
44 described in paragraph (c-3) of this subdivision, a "School Bus Safety"
45 awareness component as described in paragraph (c-4) of this subdivision,
46 and a "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety" awareness component as described
47 in paragraph (c-5) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall cause the
48 applicant to take a road test in a representative vehicle of a type
49 prescribed by the commissioner which shall be appropriate to the type of
50 license for which application is made, except that the commissioner may
51 waive the road test requirements for certain classes of applicants.
52 Provided, however, that the term "representative vehicle" shall not
53 include a three-wheeled motor vehicle that has two wheels situated in
54 the front and one wheel in the rear, has a steering mechanism and seat-
55 ing which does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride, is
56 equipped with safety belts for all occupants and is manufactured to

1 comply with federal motor vehicle safety standards for motorcycles
2 including, but not limited to, 49 C.F.R. part 571. The commissioner
3 shall have the power to establish a program to allow persons other than
4 employees of the department to conduct road tests in representative
5 vehicles when such tests are required for applicants to obtain a class
6 A, B or C license. If ~~[she]~~ the commissioner chooses to do so, ~~[she]~~ the
7 commissioner shall set forth ~~[her]~~ the commissioner's reasons in writing
8 and conduct a public hearing on the matter. ~~[She]~~ The commissioner shall
9 only establish such a program after holding the public hearing.

10 (c-3) "Motorcycle and High-Speed Electric Personal Assistive Mobility
11 Device Safety" awareness component. The commissioner shall provide in
12 the pre-licensing course, set forth in paragraph (b) of this subdivi-
13 sion, a mandatory component in "Motorcycle and High-Speed Electric
14 Personal Assistive Mobility Device Safety" awareness education as a
15 prerequisite for obtaining a license to operate a motor vehicle. The
16 purpose of the component is to educate prospective licensees on the
17 potential dangers to persons operating motorcycles and high-speed elec-
18 tric assistive mobility devices on the roadway.

19 (d) (i) The commissioner shall make available for distribution upon
20 registration at each location where the pre-licensing course will be
21 given (1) instructional handbooks outlining the content of the entire
22 curriculum of the pre-licensing course including the information
23 required to be included in the course pursuant to paragraphs (c), (c-1),
24 (c-2), (c-3), (c-4) and (c-5) of this subdivision, and (2) information
25 as to how a person may register in the New York state organ and tissue
26 donor registry under section forty-three hundred ten of the public
27 health law.

28 (ii) The commissioner shall also provide for the additional training
29 of the instructors necessary for the competent instruction of the alco-
30 hol and drug education, "Road Rage" awareness, "Work Zone Safety" aware-
31 ness, "Motorcycle and High-Speed Electric Personal Assistive Mobility
32 Device Safety" awareness, "School Bus Safety" awareness and "Pedestrian
33 and Bicyclist Safety" awareness subject matters of the pre-licensing
34 course.

35 § 15. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b), subparagraph (iii) of para-
36 graph (c) and paragraph (c-1) of subdivision 2 of section 503 of the
37 vehicle and traffic law, subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) and subpara-
38 graph (iii) of paragraph (c) as amended by section 1 of part F of chap-
39 ter 59 of the laws of 2009 and paragraph (c-1) as amended by section 3
40 of part UU of chapter 59 of the laws of 2018, are amended to read as
41 follows:

42 (ii) Upon passage of the knowledge test required to obtain a learner's
43 permit, the applicant for a class C license which does not have an H, P
44 or X endorsement or a class E license shall be required to pay six
45 dollars and twenty-five cents for each six months or portion thereof of
46 the period of validity of a learner's permit or license which is or may
47 be issued, and an applicant for a class D, DJ, E1, M or MJ license shall
48 be required to pay three dollars and twenty-five cents for each six
49 months or portion thereof of the period of validity of a learner's
50 permit or license which is or may be issued. No additional fee shall be
51 required of any such applicant to take up to two road tests. Such road
52 test must be passed before a license will be issued.

53 (iii) For a class D, DJ, E1, M or MJ license, three dollars and twen-
54 ty-five cents, for each six months or portion thereof.

55 (c-1) In addition to the fees established in paragraphs (b) and (c) of
56 this subdivision, a fee of fifty cents for each six months or portion

1 thereof of the period of validity shall be paid upon the issuance of any
2 permit, license or renewal of a license which is valid for the operation
3 of a motorcycle, except a limited use motorcycle, or a high-speed elec-
4 tric personal assistive mobility device.

5 § 16. Subdivisions 2 and 4 of section 506 of the vehicle and traffic
6 law, as added by chapter 780 of the laws of 1972, are amended to read as
7 follows:

8 2. The commissioner may require every person holding a license issued
9 pursuant to this article to submit to such an examination as shall be
10 determined by ~~[him]~~ the commissioner to be appropriate if such person
11 has been involved in three accidents while driving a motor vehicle,
12 high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device, or motorcycle
13 within a period of eighteen months, if such accidents were required to
14 be reported by section six hundred five of this chapter.

15 4. Any person holding a license issued pursuant to this chapter who
16 suffers permanent loss of use of one or both hands or arms or of one or
17 both feet or legs, or one eye shall, before operating any motor vehicle,
18 high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device, or motorcycle
19 make report thereof to the commissioner, who shall take such reasonable
20 action as may be proper under the provisions of this section.

21 § 17. Subdivision (c) of section 605 of the vehicle and traffic law,
22 as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 (c) The report required by this section shall be made in such form and
25 number as the commissioner may prescribe. Such report shall include
26 information on the width and length of trucks, tractors, trailers and
27 semitrailers, which are in excess of ninety-five inches in width or
28 thirty-four feet in length and which are involved in such accidents,
29 whether such accident took place in a work area and whether it was being
30 operated with an overweight or over dimension permit. Such report shall
31 distinctly indicate and include information as to whether the inflatable
32 restraint system inflated and deployed. Such report shall include infor-
33 mation on the type or types of vehicles involved, including passenger
34 motor vehicles, commercial motor vehicles, motorcycles, limited use
35 motorcycles, off-highway motorcycles, high-speed electric personal
36 assistive mobility devices, electric scooters, bicycles with electric
37 assist, and/or bicycles.

38 § 18. Section 1604 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chap-
39 ter 247 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

40 § 1604. Local ordinances prohibited. Except as otherwise provided in
41 this chapter, local authorities shall have no power to pass, enforce or
42 maintain any ordinance, rule or regulation requiring from any owner of a
43 motor vehicle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device,
44 or motorcycle, or from any operator or chauffeur to whom this chapter is
45 applicable, any tax, fee, license or permit for the use of the public
46 highways, or excluding any such owner, operator or chauffeur from the
47 free use of such public highways, excepting such driveway, speedway or
48 road as has been or may be expressly set apart by law for the exclusive
49 use of horses and light carriages, or in any other way restricting motor
50 vehicles, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices, or
51 motorcycles or their speed upon or use of the public highways; or
52 setting aside for any given time a specified public highway or any part
53 thereof constructed in whole or in part at the expense of the state for
54 exhibitions, shows, exercises, entertainments or meetings; and no ordi-
55 nance, rule or regulation contrary to or in any wise inconsistent with

1 the provisions of this chapter, now in force or hereafter enacted shall
2 have any effect.

3 Provided, however, that the power given to local authorities to
4 license and regulate vehicles offered to the public for hire, and proc-
5 essions, assemblages or parades in the streets or public places, and all
6 ordinances, rules and regulations which may have been or which may be
7 enacted in pursuance of such powers shall remain in full force and
8 effect.

9 § 19. Subdivision 1 of section 806-a of the education law, as amended
10 by chapter 644 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

11 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all school districts
12 providing instruction in driver education shall include in such instruc-
13 tion: (a) a driver safety component with an emphasis on the effects of
14 alcohol and drug use, (b) instruction in motorcycle and high-speed elec-
15 tric personal assistive mobility device safety awareness. The commis-
16 sioner, upon approval by the commissioner of motor vehicles, shall
17 establish a curriculum for the alcohol and drug education component
18 which shall include but not be limited to: instruction describing the
19 hazards of driving while impaired or intoxicated; the penalties for
20 alcohol related motor vehicle violations including sanctions set forth
21 in the penal law that apply to homicides and assaults arising out of the
22 operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated and those sanctions set
23 forth in the vehicle and traffic law relating to driving while intoxi-
24 cated; and the medical, biological and physiological effects of the
25 consumption of alcohol and their impact on the operation of a motor
26 vehicle.

27 § 20. Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 of section 420 of the vehicle
28 and traffic law, subdivisions 1 and 5 as amended by chapter 394 of the
29 laws of 1979, subdivision 2 as amended by section 2 of part G of chapter
30 59 of the laws of 2009, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 402 of the
31 laws of 1990, subdivision 7 as amended by chapter 139 of the laws of
32 1988, and subdivision 8 as amended by section 26 of part G of chapter 59
33 of the laws of 2009, are amended to read as follows:

34 1. Upon the transfer of ownership or the destruction of a motor vehi-
35 cle, motorcycle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device
36 or trailer, its registration shall expire; and the seller, or the owner
37 in case of destruction, shall remove the number plates from the vehicle.
38 For purposes of this section, a high-speed electric personal assistive
39 mobility device shall be considered a "vehicle" and such decals required
40 to be affixed to them shall be considered "plates" except when a
41 provision containing the terms "vehicle" or "plate" relates to a dealer.

42 2. Such seller or owner may, however, register another vehicle and use
43 said number plates thereon, if appropriate, upon making application for
44 such registration, paying a transfer fee of ten dollars, and paying the
45 proportional excess, if any, of the annual fee for registering the
46 second vehicle over the annual fee for registering the first vehicle for
47 each day or fraction thereof constituting the unexpired registration
48 period. If the number plates of the first vehicle are not appropriate
49 for the second vehicle, the commissioner or ~~[his or her]~~ the commission-
50 er's agent shall, upon the surrender of such number plates, furnish
51 appropriate number plates.

52 3. Provided, however, that upon the death of an owner of a registered
53 motor vehicle, motorcycle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobil-
54 ity device or trailer, its registration shall, unless the vehicle is
55 destroyed, be deemed to continue in force as a valid registration until
56 the end of the year or until the ownership of such vehicle is trans-

ferred by the executor or administrator of the estate of such owner or by the distributees of ~~[his]~~ such owner's personal property, whichever occurs first. If the ownership of such vehicle is transferred as exempt property under section 5-3.1 of the estates, powers and trusts law to the surviving spouse of the owner, the fee for the initial registration issued to such surviving spouse shall be the fee for such registration reduced by the amount of the fee remaining for the unexpired term of the registration issued to the deceased.

5. Provided, further, that a holder of manufacturers' and dealers' registration having a motor vehicle, motorcycle or trailer registered in ~~[his or its]~~ such holder's name under the provisions of this chapter may, if such vehicle is placed in stock for sale, also remove the number plates and be entitled to the same privileges as though the vehicle had been sold or destroyed.

7. Where a dealer having registration under the provisions of section four hundred fifteen of this chapter sells or trades a vehicle to a person who has another vehicle duly registered under this chapter, or who had another vehicle previously so registered, and the registration of such vehicle is eligible for transfer to the purchased vehicle under the provisions of this section and the number plates of the first vehicle are appropriate, such dealer may issue on any date on which the registration of a motor vehicle may be used a temporary certificate of registration of the second vehicle under which such vehicle may be operated as a duly registered vehicle for a period of thirty days from the date of issuance, other provisions of this chapter notwithstanding. Such temporary certificate of registration may be extended by the commissioner for an additional thirty days, except that in no event shall any such temporary certificate of registration be valid after the expiration date of the registration for the first vehicle. Such certificate shall be issued upon a form furnished by the commissioner and shall be executed in such manner as ~~[he]~~ the commissioner shall prescribe.

8. The owner of a registered motor vehicle, motorcycle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device or trailer may transfer the registration and, if appropriate, the number plates thereof to another vehicle owned by ~~[him or her]~~ such owner upon making application for such transfer, paying a transfer fee of ten dollars, and paying the proportionate excess, if any, of the annual fee for registering the second vehicle over the annual fee for registering the first vehicle for each day or fraction thereof constituting the unexpired registration period, provided, however, that the registration and number plates for the second vehicle, if such vehicle is registered in this state, are either surrendered to the commissioner or transferred to another vehicle as provided herein. If the number plates of the first vehicle are not appropriate for the second vehicle, the commissioner or ~~[his or her]~~ the commissioner's agent shall, upon the surrender of such number plates, furnish appropriate number plates. Whenever a total fee for reregistration prescribed in this section shall amount to a fee other than a whole dollar amount, the fee required to be paid shall be rounded to the nearest twenty-five cents.

§ 21. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law; provided, however that the amendments to paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law made by section twelve of this act shall be subject to the repeal and reversion of such paragraph pursuant to section 4 of chapter 618 of the laws of 2021, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section thirteen of this

1 act shall take effect; provided, further, that if section 1 of chapter
2 477 of the laws of 2024 has not taken effect than the amendments to
3 paragraph (d) of subdivision 4 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic
4 law, made by section fourteen of this act shall take effect on the same
5 date and in the same manner as section 1 of chapter 477 of the laws of
6 2024, takes effect; and provided, further, that if section 4 of chapter
7 196 of the laws of 2024 has not taken effect than the amendments to
8 subdivision (c) of section 605 of the vehicle and traffic law made by
9 section seventeen of this act shall take effect on the same date and in
10 the same manner as section 4 of chapter 196 of the laws of 2024, takes
11 effect.