

STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. DURSO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to stopping for a school bus on a public highway with six or more lanes

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as amended by chapter 597 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 (a) The driver of a vehicle upon a public highway, street or private
5 road upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus
6 marked and equipped as provided in subdivision twenty of section three
7 hundred seventy-five of this chapter which has stopped on the public
8 highway, street or private road for the purpose of receiving or
9 discharging any passengers, or which has stopped because a school bus in
10 front of it has stopped to receive or discharge any passengers, shall
11 stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus when there is in opera-
12 tion on said school bus a red visual signal as specified in subdivision
13 twenty of section three hundred seventy-five of this chapter and said
14 driver shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until
15 signaled by the driver or a police officer to proceed. Provided, howev-
16 er, that a vehicle shall not be required to stop for a school bus which
17 is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any passengers
18 when such vehicle is traveling on a public highway composed of at least
19 six lanes, is traveling in the opposite direction of the stopped school
20 bus and is separated from such school bus by a median or permanent
21 barrier. For the purposes of this section, and in addition to the
22 provisions of section one hundred thirty-four of this chapter, the term
23 "public highway" shall mean any area used for the parking of motor vehi-
24 cles or used as a driveway located on the grounds of a school or of a

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

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1 board of cooperative educational services facility or any area used as a
2 means of access to and egress from such school or facility.
3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
4 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the
5 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
6 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
7 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.