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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to permitting the exchange of drivers licenses from certain countries

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

Section 1. Section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

1-a. License exchange for certain countries. (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of this section, the commissioner shall accept as valid for purposes of identification, age and examination a driver's license issued from a country listed in paragraph (b) of this subdivision and shall issue a license to drive in this state to an individual holding a license described in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, provided however, the individual shall be subject to the written examination and the vision test required by subdivision four of this section.

(b) A drivers license issued by the following countries or territories shall be valid for purposes of paragraph (a) of this subdivision: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Puerto Rico, Saba, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Martin, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

(c) A license issued by a country listed in paragraph (b) of this subdivision shall be accepted for exchange if it: is valid or has expired within the past six months; states the date upon which it was issued and it was issued a minimum of six months prior to the date of the application; and is not suspended, revoked, lost or stolen.

§ 2. 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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