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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to an affirma-  
tive defense for bus lane restrictions in New York city

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

1 Section 1. Section 1111-c of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision (o) to read as follows:

3 (o) It shall be a defense to any prosecution for a violation of a bus  
4 lane restriction pursuant to a bus rapid transit program adopted pursu-  
5 ant to this section when an employee of the metropolitan transportation  
6 authority is performing authorized duties on behalf of such authority  
7 and is operating an authorized employer motor vehicle in the bus lane at  
8 the time of the violation and conducting lawful business or providing  
9 service to an official metropolitan transportation authority vehicle or  
10 personnel while in a bus lane.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
12 the amendments to section 1111-c of the vehicle and traffic law made by  
13 section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and  
14 shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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