STATE OF NEW YORK

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to providing "blue envelopes" to individuals with autism spectrum disorder

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 401-c to read as follows:

§ 401-c. Blue envelopes. 1. For the purposes of this section, the term "blue envelope" shall mean blue colored envelopes designed by the commissioner, in consultation with the New York state police and the office for people with developmental disabilities, that:

(a) provide clearly written information and guidance on the outside of the envelope regarding ways to enhance effective communication between a police officer and a person with autism spectrum disorder;

(b) include instructions for ease of access to the envelope, including, but not limited to, attaching the envelope to the sun visor on the driver's side of the vehicle; and

(c) can hold a person's drivers' license, certificate of registration, and insurance identification card.

2. The department shall make available, upon request, said blue envelope to a person with autism spectrum disorder or the person's parent or guardian.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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