STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 7, 2026

Introduced by Sen. BOTTCHER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to enacting the "who you gonna call? act"

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "who you gonna call? act".

§ 2. Section 101 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 496 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 101. Authorized emergency vehicle. Every ambulance, police vehicle or bicycle, correction vehicle, fire vehicle, civil defense emergency vehicle, emergency ambulance service vehicle, blood delivery vehicle, human organ delivery vehicle, **vehicle of the office of chief medical examiner of the city of New York,** county emergency medical services vehicle, environmental emergency response vehicle, sanitation patrol vehicle, hazardous materials emergency vehicle and ordnance disposal vehicle of the armed forces of the United States.

§ 3. Section 114-b of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 496 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 114-b. Emergency operation. The operation, or parking, of an authorized emergency vehicle, when such vehicle is engaged in transporting a sick or injured person, transporting prisoners, delivering blood or blood products in a situation involving an imminent health risk, transporting human organs and/or medical personnel for the purpose of organ recovery or transplantation in a situation involving an imminent health risk where undue delay would jeopardize such recovery or transplantation, **investigating, transporting or removing deceased persons, supporting mass-fatality or decedent-removal operations,** pursuing an actual or suspected violator of the law, or responding to, or working or assisting at the scene of an accident, disaster, police call, alarm of fire, actual or potential release of hazardous materials**, actual or potential scene where the New York city office of chief medical examiner has an**

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

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official role, or other emergency. Emergency operation shall not include returning from such service.

§ 4. Subparagraph b of paragraph 4 of subdivision 41 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 143 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

b. In addition to the red and white lights authorized to be displayed pursuant to paragraph two of this subdivision, one or more blue lights or combination blue and red lights or combination blue, red and white lights may be affixed to a police vehicle, fire vehicle, ambulance, emergency ambulance service vehicle, vehicle of the office of chief medical examiner of the city of New York, and county emergency medical services vehicle provided that such blue light or lights shall be displayed on a police vehicle, fire vehicle, ambulance, emergency ambulance service vehicle, vehicle of the office of chief medical examiner of the city of New York, and county emergency medical services vehicle for rear projection only. In the event that the trunk or rear gate of a police vehicle, fire vehicle, ambulance, emergency ambulance service vehicle, vehicle of the office of chief medical examiner of the city of New York, and county emergency medical services vehicle obstructs or diminishes the visibility of other emergency lighting on such vehicles, a blue light may be affixed to and displayed from the trunk, rear gate or interior of such vehicles. Such lights may be displayed on a police vehicle, fire vehicle, ambulance, emergency ambulance service vehicle, vehicle of the office of chief medical examiner of the city of New York, and county emergency medical services vehicle when such vehicles are engaged in an emergency operation. Nothing contained in this subparagraph shall be deemed to authorize the use of blue lights on police vehicles, fire vehicles, ambulances, emergency ambulance service vehicles, vehicle of the office of chief medical examiner of the city of New York, and county emergency medical services vehicles unless such vehicles also display one or more red or combination red and white lights as otherwise authorized in this subdivision.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.