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Introduced by Sen. ROLISON -- 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 and the state finance law, in relation to establishing the reckless driving prevention grant program

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 224-b to read as follows:

§ 224-b. Reckless driving prevention grant program. 1. For the purposes of this section, "eligible entity" means a municipal law enforcement agency or prosecuting office.

2. The department shall establish the reckless driving prevention grant program to award grants to eligible entities for enforcement, investigation, prevention and prosecutorial activities with the objective of reducing the frequency of reckless driving and similarly dangerous operations of a motor vehicle.

3. The department shall establish the form and manner in which an eligible entity may apply for awards through the program. Such application shall contain any information that the department may reasonably require and a description of any projects or proposals for which the eligible entity intends to utilize the funds awarded.

4. The department shall establish guidelines for determining the process of granting awards and the types of projects that qualify for awards. Such guidelines shall require that any funds awarded be used for projects that seek to reduce the occurrence of reckless driving within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity through improved enforcement and prosecution efforts, preventative education, increased use of traffic control devices, or any other initiative which may reasonably improve traffic safety.

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

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§ 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-ss to read as follows:

§ 99-ss. The reckless driving prevention fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a fund known as the reckless driving prevention fund.

2. Such fund shall consist of monies received by the state from any court of the unified court system pursuant to section eighteen hundred nine of the vehicle and traffic law for violations of section eleven hundred seventy-four of such law, and all other fines, fees, grants, bequests or other monies credited, appropriated or transferred thereto from any other fund or source.

3. The monies of the fund, following appropriation by the legislature, shall be made available for the grants to prevent reckless driving established in section two hundred twenty-four-b of the vehicle and traffic law.

4. The monies of the fund made available pursuant to subdivision three of this section shall be paid out on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of the department of motor vehicles. At the end of each year any monies remaining in the fund shall be retained in the fund and shall not revert to the general fund. The interest and income earned on the monies in the fund shall remain in the fund.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth 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.