

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

June 1, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing a highway safety corridor on the Southern State Parkway

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

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new  
2 article 34-E to read as follows:

### ARTICLE 34-E

#### SOUTHERN STATE PARKWAY HIGHWAY SAFETY CORRIDOR

##### Section 1300. Legislative intent.

###### 1301. Definitions.

###### 1302. Southern State Parkway highway safety corridor.

###### 1303. Traffic control signs.

###### 1304. Enhanced traffic enforcement.

###### 1305. Reporting requirements.

11 § 1300. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds and declares  
12 that the Southern State Parkway has experienced a significant number of  
13 speeding-related crashes and reckless driving incidents, injuries, and  
14 fatalities, creating substantial risks to motorists and the general  
15 public. The legislature further finds that the New York State Police  
16 have undertaken targeted traffic safety initiatives, including "Opera-  
17 tion Southern Shield," to increase enforcement and reduce dangerous  
18 driving behavior along the Southern State Parkway. The legislature  
19 therefore declares that designating a highway safety corridor along a  
20 portion of the Southern State Parkway, together with enhanced enforce-  
21 ment, traffic safety monitoring, and public notification measures, is  
22 necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

###### § 1301. Definitions. As used in this article:

24 1. "Commissioner" shall mean the commissioner of the department of  
25 transportation.

26 2. "Southern State Parkway highway safety corridor" shall mean the  
27 portion of the Southern State Parkway between exit seventeen and exit  
28 thirty-one.

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

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1 3. "Highway safety corridor", or "corridor", shall mean a section of a  
2 highway which has a dangerous traffic and accident history necessitating  
3 increased penalties and enhanced enforcement to mitigate future inci-  
4 idents.

5 § 1302. Southern State Parkway highway safety corridor. The area of  
6 the Southern State Parkway between exit seventeen and exit thirty-one is  
7 hereby designated a highway safety corridor for the purposes of this  
8 article.

9 § 1303. Traffic control signs. 1. The commissioner shall install and  
10 maintain signage identifying the beginning and the end of the Southern  
11 State Parkway highway safety corridor, pursuant to this article.

12 2. A sign reading "HIGHWAY SAFETY CORRIDOR - FINES DOUBLED" shall be  
13 installed at the beginning of the corridor and after each interchange  
14 along such corridor, pursuant to this article.

15 3. A sign reading "END HIGHWAY SAFETY CORRIDOR" shall be installed  
16 immediately at the end of the corridor.

17 4. All signage pursuant to this section shall conform to the manual on  
18 traffic control devices maintained pursuant to section one thousand six  
19 hundred eighty of this chapter.

20 § 1304. Enhanced traffic enforcement. The superintendent of state  
21 police, in consultation with the commissioner, may provide enhanced  
22 enforcement activities within the Southern State Parkway highway safety  
23 corridor, including enforcement initiatives consistent with the objec-  
24 tives of the state police "Operation Southern Shield" initiative.

25 § 1305. Reporting requirements. 1. The commissioner, in consultation  
26 with the superintendent of the state police, shall prepare and publish  
27 an annual report regarding the Southern State Parkway highway safety  
28 corridor. Upon completion, such report shall be made available to rele-  
29 vant stakeholders, including but not limited to the Nassau County Police  
30 Department, local police departments, and local, state, and federal  
31 transportation authorities.

32 2. Such report shall include, but not be limited to:

33 (a) the number of crashes, including the severity of such crashes  
34 occurring within the corridor;

35 (b) the number of injuries and fatalities occurring within the corri-  
36 dor;

37 (c) the number and type of traffic citations issued within the corri-  
38 dor;

39 (d) traffic volume and speed data, where available;

40 (e) enforcement activities conducted within the corridor;

41 (f) general trends observed pertaining to the aforementioned collected  
42 data; and

43 (g) recommendations for roadway safety improvements, where applicable.

44 § 2. Subdivision (f) of section 1180 of the vehicle and traffic law,  
45 as amended by chapter 432 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as  
46 follows:

47 (f) Except as provided in subdivision (g) of this section and except  
48 when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance  
49 with subdivision (a) or (e) of this section or when a lower maximum  
50 speed limit has been established, no person shall drive a vehicle  
51 through a highway construction or maintenance work area at a speed in  
52 excess of the posted work area speed limit or through a highway safety  
53 corridor in excess of the posted highway safety corridor speed limit.  
54 The agency having jurisdiction over the affected street or highway may  
55 establish work area speed limits or highway safety corridor speed limits  
56 which are less than the normally posted speed limits; provided, however,

1 that such normally posted speed limit may exceed the work area speed  
2 limit or highway safety corridor speed limit by no more than twenty  
3 miles per hour; and provided further that no such work area speed limit  
4 or highway safety corridor speed limit may be established at less than  
5 twenty-five miles per hour.

6 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 1809-d of the vehicle and traffic law,  
7 as added by chapter 223 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever proceedings in  
10 an administrative tribunal or court result in a finding of liability or  
11 conviction for a violation of paragraph two of subdivision (d) or subdivi-  
12 sion (f) of section eleven hundred eighty or article thirty-four-E of  
13 this chapter or any other statute, local law, ordinance or rule involv-  
14 ing the maximum speed limits in highway construction [~~or~~] areas, mainte-  
15 nance work areas, or highway safety corridors, there shall be levied a  
16 mandatory surcharge in addition to any other sentence, fine or penalty  
17 otherwise permitted or required, in the amount of fifty dollars. Such  
18 surcharge shall not be deemed a monetary penalty for the purposes of  
19 section two hundred thirty-seven of this chapter or section 19-203 of  
20 the administrative code of the city of New York.

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