

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

October 7, 2026

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 exempting 116th Street in the borough of Manhattan between Riverside Drive and FDR Drive from certain bus lane and bus operation-related photo enforcement provisions

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 1111-c of the
2 vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 6 of part NNN of chapter
3 59 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

4 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the city of New York is
5 hereby authorized and empowered to establish a bus rapid transit program
6 imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an
7 operator thereof to comply with bus lane restrictions in such city in
8 accordance with the provisions of this section. The New York city
9 department of transportation or applicable mass transit agency, for
10 purposes of the implementation of such program, shall operate bus lane
11 photo devices only within designated bus lanes in such bus rapid transit
12 program. Such bus lane photo devices may be stationary or mobile and
13 shall be activated at locations determined by such department of trans-
14 portation and/or on buses selected by such department of transportation
15 in consultation with the applicable mass transit agency, however, the
16 applicable mass transit agency may also install no less than fifty
17 mobile bus lane photo devices on buses operating on designated bus lanes
18 in such bus rapid transit program below 96th street in the borough of
19 Manhattan, in consultation with the New York city department of trans-
20 portation for the purposes of this section; provided, however, that no
21 such bus lane photo devices shall be installed or operated on 116th
22 Street in the borough of Manhattan between Riverside Drive and FDR
23 Drive.

24 § 2. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 1111-c-1 of the vehicle
25 and traffic law, as added by section 1 of part MM of chapter 56 of the
26 laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

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

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1 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the city of New York is
2 hereby authorized and empowered to establish a demonstration program
3 imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an
4 operator thereof to comply with bus operation-related traffic regu-
5 lations, in accordance with the provisions of this section. The New York
6 city department of transportation and/or applicable mass transit agency,
7 for purposes of the implementation of such program, shall operate bus
8 operation-related photo devices that may be stationary or mobile and
9 shall be activated at locations determined by such department of trans-
10 portation and/or on buses selected by such department of transportation
11 in consultation with the applicable mass transit agency; provided,
12 however, that no such bus operation-related photo devices shall be
13 installed or operated on 116th Street in the borough of Manhattan
14 between Riverside Drive and FDR Drive.

15 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
16 have become a law; provided however that the amendments to sections
17 1111-c and 1111-c-1 of the vehicle and traffic law made by sections one
18 and two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such sections and
19 shall be deemed repealed therewith.