

STATE OF NEW YORK

10723

IN SENATE

October 16, 2026

Introduced by Sen. BOTTCHE -- 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 enacting the "Bicycle Traffic Safety Education Alternative 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 "Bicycle Traffic Safety Education Alternative act".

§ 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1244 to read as follows:

§ 1244. Bicycle traffic safety education alternative. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person charged with a noncriminal traffic violation arising from the operation of a bicycle or bicycle with electric assist may elect to view a bicycle traffic safety education video approved by the commissioner in lieu of payment of a fine, provided that such person has not had a traffic violation dismissed pursuant to subdivision three of this section within the preceding twelve months.

2. The video approved pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall address bicycle traffic laws, pedestrian safety, and the consequences of unsafe cycling behavior as determined by the commissioner. Such video may be viewed at the time of the infraction, when made available by the issuing law enforcement officer, or at a later date in person at a location designated by the commissioner or an authorized local authority.

3. Upon verified completion of the video within the time prescribed by the commissioner, the noncriminal traffic violation shall be dismissed and no fine shall be imposed.

4. This section shall not apply to violations involving physical injury to another person or reckless conduct.

5. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this section, including procedures for verifying completion and dismissing violations.

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

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1 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
2 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of
3 motor vehicles is authorized to promulgate any rule or regulation neces-
4 sary for the implementation of this act on or before such effective
5 date.