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Introduced by Sens. GOUNARDES, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, KRUEGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT directing the department of transportation to conduct a study to evaluate the standard approach of setting or adjusting speed limits

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

1 Section 1. The department of transportation shall conduct a study to
2 evaluate the standard approach to setting or adjusting speed limits in
3 New York state, including:

4 (a) assessing all factors for setting or adjusting the speed limit;

5 (b) assessing the usage of 85th percentile rule in setting or adjust-
6 ing the speed limit;

7 (c) evaluating the application of 85th percentile rule in setting or
8 adjusting the speed limit and its correlation with traffic crashes; and

9 (d) evaluating alternative methods of 85th percentile rule to set or
10 adjust speed limits with better impact (correlation) on preventing traf-
11 fic crashes and provide recommendations on those alternative methods.

12 § 2. For purposes of this act, "85th percentile rule" shall mean the
13 speed at or below which 85 percent of all vehicles are traveling under
14 free-flowing conditions.

15 § 3. Within one year of the effective date of this act the department
16 of transportation shall publish a report with the findings and recommen-
17 dations of the study in a clear and conspicuous location on its website
18 and shall deliver a copy to the legislature.

19 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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