STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 27, 2025

Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- 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, in relation to prohibiting municipalities from transferring primary investigating authority of vehicle collisions that result in serious injury or death to a non-law enforcement agency

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

Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 603-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

In addition to the requirements of section six hundred three of this article, whenever a motor vehicle, bicycle with electric assist, or electric scooter accident results in serious physical injury or death to a person, [~~and such accident either is discovered by a police officer,~~] or reported to a police officer within five days after such accident occurred, the police shall conduct an investigation of such accident. **No municipality shall transfer such primary investigating authority to a non-law enforcement agency.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as chapter 196 of the laws of 2024, takes effect.

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

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