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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- 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 exceptions to the ban on night riding

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

1 Section 1. Section 1264 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by
2 chapter 676 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 1264. Ban on night riding. (a) No person shall ride or lead a horse
4 upon a roadway during the period from one-half hour after sunset to
5 one-half hour before sunrise, provided however that horse-drawn
6 carriages or carts may be driven upon a roadway during such period if
7 they display:

8 (1) at least two lighted lamps on the front of the vehicle, one on
9 each side, having light sources of equal power and visible from the
10 front for a distance of at least three hundred fifty feet;

11 (2) at least one lighted lamp on the rear, located between the center
12 and the left side of the vehicle, which shall display a red or amber
13 fixed or flashing light visible from a distance of at least five hundred
14 feet; and

15 (3) reflective material upon the shafts of the vehicle or other parts
16 thereof which shall normally parallel the body, head or legs of the
17 horse pulling such vehicle.

18 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to [~~horse-drawn~~
19 ~~carriages or carts or~~] police officers, peace officers or park rangers
20 mounted on horseback.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
22 have become a law.

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

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