

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 2, 2026

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 prohibiting the use of virtual reality headsets while operating a motor vehicle

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 24-a of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as added by chapter 604 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 24-a. It shall be unlawful to operate upon any public highway in this
5 state a motor vehicle, limited use automobile, limited use motorcycle or
6 bicycle while the operator is wearing more than one earphone attached to
7 a radio, tape player or other audio device or is wearing a virtual real-
8 ity headset.
9 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
10 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment
11 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation
12 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
13 completed on or before such effective date.

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

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