STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 21, 2026

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 providing a defense from liability for certain department of sanitation vehicles standing, stopped, or parked in violation of certain bus lane restrictions in New York city

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

Section 1. Section 1111-c of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision (p) to read as follows:

(p) It shall be a defense to any notice of liability issued to the owner of a vehicle of the department of sanitation of the city of New York for standing, stopping, or parking in a bus lane in violation of the applicable provisions of section 4-08 of chapter four of title thirty-four of the rules of the city of New York pursuant to a bus rapid transit program adopted pursuant to this section that the operator of the vehicle was an employee of the department of sanitation of the city of New York performing authorized duties involving a vehicle of the department of sanitation of the city of New York in such bus lane.

§ 2. Section 1111-c-1 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision (r) to read as follows:

(r) It shall be a defense to any notice of liability issued to the owner of a vehicle of the department of sanitation of the city of New York for a violation of section 4-08(f)(4) of chapter four of title thirty-four of the rules of the city of New York pursuant to a demonstration program adopted pursuant to this section that the operator of the vehicle was an employee of the department of sanitation of the city of New York performing authorized duties involving a vehicle of the department of sanitation of the city of New York in such bus lane.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to sections 1111-c and 1111-c-1 of the vehicle and traffic law made by sections one and two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such sections and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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