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Amendment

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Offered by:

REP. COCCO, 127th Dist.

To: House Bill No. 5087

File No. 64

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS' LICENSES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) For the purposes of
4 this section, "electric personal assistive mobility device" means a self-
5 balancing device not approved for operation on the public highways
6 having two nontandem wheels and designed to transport one person
7 with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of
8 such device to not more than fifteen miles per hour.

9 (b) Each electric personal assistive mobility device shall be equipped
10 with front, rear and side reflectors and a system that, when employed,
11 will enable the operator to bring the device to a controlled stop. If such
12 device is operated between one-half hour after sunset and one-half
13 hour before sunrise, it shall display a lamp emitting a white light
14 which, while such device is in motion, illuminates the area in front of

15 the operator and is visible from a distance of three hundred feet in
16 front of and from the sides of such device.

17 (c) An operator of an electric personal assistive mobility device is
18 not required to obtain an operator's license and such device is not
19 required to be registered as a motor vehicle when such device is
20 operated in accordance with the provisions of this section.

21 (d) (1) Any person sixteen years of age or older who has disabilities
22 which limit or impair the ability to walk, as defined in 23 CFR Part
23 1235.2 and who has been issued a placard pursuant to the provisions
24 of section 14-253a of the general statutes may operate an electric
25 personal assistive mobility device on any sidewalk or on a highway for
26 the purposes of crossing the highway at a crosswalk, when practicable,
27 or at an angle of approximately ninety degrees to the direction of the
28 highway at a location at which there are no obstructions that may
29 prevent an expedient and safe crossing provided such device is
30 completely stopped before entering the traveled portion of the
31 highway and the operator yields the right-of-way to any motor vehicle
32 using such highway. Any such operator shall yield the right-of-way to
33 any pedestrian on a sidewalk or highway. (2) Any person sixteen years
34 of age or older may operate such device in the course of his or her
35 employment on private property or on a highway for the purposes of
36 crossing the highway from one parcel of private property to another in
37 the manner specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection provided
38 such device is completely stopped before entering the traveled portion
39 of the highway and the operator yields the right-of-way to any motor
40 vehicle using such highway or to any pedestrian on such highway.

41 (e) No person may operate an electric personal assistive mobility
42 device on any sidewalk or highway if such operation is prohibited by
43 an ordinance of any city, town or borough. No person may operate
44 such device on a limited access state highway, as defined in section
45 13a-1 of the general statutes.

46 (f) No person may operate an electric personal assistive mobility

47 device at a rate of speed exceeding fifteen miles per hour.

48 (g) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

49 Sec. 2. Section 14-250a of the general statutes is repealed and the
50 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

51 (a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon, nor shall any
52 motor vehicle be left parked, standing or stopped on or across, any
53 public sidewalk except to cross such sidewalk to enter or leave
54 adjacent areas or to perform necessary sidewalk construction,
55 maintenance or snow removal.

56 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to an electric
57 personal assistive mobility device, as defined in section 1 of this act.

58 (c) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>