

**CURRENT INTRODUCTION NUMBER:**

[Int. No. 545](#)

**INITIAL SPONSORS:**

Council Members Treyger, Kallos, Cumbo, Menchaca and Gentile

**TITLE:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to bicycle safety.

**BILL SUMMARY:**

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New York State approves defensive driving course that educate motorists on safe driving habits and applicable laws, as well as allow individuals to remove points from their driving record and lower insurance premiums. However, these courses only apply to those operating a motor vehicle.

Under the bill, the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) would be required to establish a bicycle safety course that covers safe bicycling and adherence to State and local laws that apply to bicycles. The bill would allow those facing a civil penalty for a first violation of the Code related to operating a bicycle to complete the course in order to have the penalty waived. In addition, DOT would be required to collaborate with the New York City Police Department on an outreach and public education campaign regarding bicycle safety no later than June 1, 2015.

**CODE SECTIONS AFFECTED:**

- Adds Code § 19-192.
- Amends Code § 19-171.
- Amends Code § 19-176.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

90 days from enactment, provide that DOT shall take necessary action, including the promulgation of rules, prior to the effective date.

**NOTE:** When reading the full text of the bill online at [legistar.council.nyc.gov](http://legistar.council.nyc.gov), language that is enclosed by [brackets] is proposed to be removed, and language that is underlined is proposed to be added.