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Resolution calling upon the legislature of the State of New York to amend Article 22 of Title VI of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law to require all insurance companies to provide the New York City Department of Transportation with statistics and other information relating to all motor vehicle accidents occurring on streets and highways within the City of New York.

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Whereas, The number, type and severity of accidents involving motor vehicles in the City of New York constitute critical data in the assessment and determination of where to appropriately place traffic control devices by the New York City Department of Transportation (Department); and

Whereas, The Department principally relies upon accident information conveyed by law enforcement personnel, primarily the New York City Police Department; and

Whereas, Whether required to be law or simply as a business practice, insurance companies that issue automobile insurance policies to drivers of vehicles registered in New York State maintain statistics and other information on motor vehicle accidents involving drivers and automobiles that are covered by the policies that they issue; and

Whereas, Current New York State law does not require such private insurance companies to report motor vehicle accident statistics for incidents occurring within New York City to the Department; and

Whereas, Such motor vehicle accident information, considered in conjunction with relevant accident statistics furnished to the Department by law enforcement personnel, would allow the Department to more accurately and completely assess the prevalence and type of motor vehicle accidents transpiring or likely to transpire at a given location; and

Whereas, Mandating that more complete motor vehicle accident data be furnished to the Department

will improve the efforts of the Department with regard to protecting pedestrians and roadway users from potential dangers at intersections by allowing the department to more prudently assess and place safety devices at such locations, including traffic control devices; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Council of the City of New York calls upon the legislature of the State of New York to amend Article 22 of Title VI of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law to require all insurance companies to provide the New York City Department of Transportation with statistics and other information relating to all motor vehicle accidents occurring on streets and highways within the City of New York.

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