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Res. No. 1154

Resolution calling upon the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles to reinstate the requirement that drivers get a vision test as part of the driver's license renewal process.

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Whereas, In September 2011, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles announced that it will no longer require eye examinations for renewal of driver's licenses; and

Whereas, Under the previous regulations, drivers renewing their licenses had to undergo a simple eye examination or submit an eye examination report from their doctor; and

Whereas, According to the new regulations, drivers will only have to self-certify about the condition of their vision; and

Whereas, According to media reports, the new policy is meant to encourage more drivers to renew their licenses online or by mail; and

Whereas, The American Optometric Association has voiced its support for having a vision examination be a part of a driver's license renewal process; and

Whereas, According to American Optometric Association, vision testing is especially important for drivers who are vulnerable to developing vision problems, such as seniors and aging individuals in glasses; and

Whereas, As the driving population ages with more older drivers still on the road, it is important to maintain safe roads by ensuring that vision testing is part of the license renewal process; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles to reinstate the requirement that drivers get a vision test as part of the driver's license renewal

process.

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