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**STATE OF NEW YORK**

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**IN SENATE**

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Introduced by Sen. C. RYAN -- 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 requiring  
the department of transportation to provide a  
list of legal clearance  
heights for bridges to certain drivers

**The People of the State of New York, represented  
in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:**

1 Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 1621 of  
the vehicle and traffic  
2 law, as amended by chapter 420 of the laws of 1968,  
is amended to read  
3 as follows:  
4 (c) Such department of transportation shall  
cause signs to be erected  
5 to inform persons of the legal overhead clearance  
for all bridges and

6 elevated structures on highways under its  
jurisdiction. The legal clear-  
7 ance shall be one foot less than the measured  
clearance. The measured  
8 clearance shall be the minimum height to the bridge  
or structure meas-  
9 ured vertically from the traveled portion of the  
roadway. On bridges or  
10 structures having fourteen feet or more of  
measured clearance, no such  
11 signs shall be required. The department of  
transportation shall cause  
12 to inform and furnish to an owner or operator  
of trucks, commercial  
13 vehicles, tractors, tractor-trailer combinations,  
tractor-semitrailer  
14 combinations, or tractor-trailer-semitrailer  
combinations a list of each  
15 legal clearance height for all bridges and  
elevated structures on high-  
16 ways under its jurisdiction.  
17 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of  
June next succeeding  
18 the date on which it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is  
new; matter in brackets

[-] is old law to be omitted.