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Senator Fuschillo Reminds Residents About New York's "Move Over Law"

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Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. (R-Merrick) is reminding drivers about the State's "Move Over Law" which requires them to move over and exercise due caution when approaching emergency vehicles that are stopped with their lights flashing.

The law, which took effect this past January 1st, is designed to protect law enforcement officers and other emergency personnel while they are performing their duties along the roadways.

"Police Officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel protect us while we are on the roads; we need to protect them while they are doing their jobs. That's exactly what this law does. Drivers should remember to do their part by moving over and exercising due caution when approaching an emergency vehicle," said Senator Fuschillo, Chairman of the Senate's Transportation Committee.

Under the "Move Over Act", drivers on all roads and highways must exercise due care when approaching a parked, stopped, or standing emergency vehicle that has its emergency lights flashing. On parkways and other controlled access highways with multiple lanes, drivers must move from the lane immediately next to the emergency vehicle, unless traffic or other hazards prevent them from doing so safely.

Drivers who fail to obey the law face a moving violation of two points on their driver's license and a fine of up to \$150.

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