



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

John W. Mannion

Bridge-strike bill lands on Hochul's desk

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A bill that would require the state Transportation Department commissioner to report information about motor vehicle collisions with bridges and elevated structures to the state Legislature each year has reached Gov. Kathy Hochul's desk.

Sponsored by state Senator John Mannion and state Assembly Member Bill Magnarelli, the legislation would amend highway law by mandating an annual DOT report with the number and location of bridge strikes, repairs and prevention measures completed and recommendations to prevent future collisions. Both the Assembly and Senate passed the bill.

Mannion said he was confident Hochul will sign the bill.

"From the beginning of DOT's recent steps to remediate bridge strikes on the Onondaga Lake Parkway, I have said we must balance public safety with the needs of drivers, and this new law will help inform that effort," he said. "Anyone who hasn't gotten the message to keep their truck off parkways or ignores signs and warning systems should be ticketed."

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