



SUPPORT

Sammy's Law S. 2422-A (Hoylman-Sigal)

An act to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing speed limits in cities with populations in excess of one million people

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 2422-A (Hoylman-Sigal), which amends the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing speed limits in cities with populations in excess of one million people. S. 2422-A would allow the City of New York to lower its speed limit to 20 miles per hour on certain streets.

In New York City the current minimum speed limit is 25 mph, and 15 mph in school zones. However even at the speed of 25 mph, 30% of pedestrians struck by automobiles sustain serious injuries, and about 12% die. S. 2422-A (Hoylman-Sigal), otherwise known as Sammy's Law, will give NYC the authority to lower speed limits below the current 25 mph/15 mph minimum in a way that is tailored to neighborhoods' actual safety needs. NYLCV supports measures to improve traffic safety because achieving the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act's transportation emission reduction goals requires fewer people driving cars and more people getting around by bike and by foot, but according to opinion polls the number one reason why New Yorkers who are capable of commuting or running errands car-free but choose not to is fear for their safety in traffic. Therefore, improving traffic safety - especially for pedestrians and cyclists - is critical to meeting our climate goals.

S. 2422-A will help to make New York City streets more safe for pedestrians on foot and other non automotive forms or transportation. For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of Sammy's Law.

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