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TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Chapter 249 of the Laws of 2013

Effective November 1, 2013, Chapter 249 of the Laws of 2013 amends section 1161 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law to prohibit a motor vehicle from making a U turn within a school zone where a school sign has been posted. A copy of Chapter 249 is attached.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

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Attachment

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IN SENATE

February 5, 2013

Introduced by Sens. FUSCHILLO, ADAMS, DILAN, HASSELL-THOMPSON,
LARKIN,

SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be
committed to the Committee on Transportation -- reported favorably
from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a
third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly,
recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and
ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to prohibiting
U turns in school zones during posted hours

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Section 1161 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by
2 chapter 157 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:
3 § 1161. U turns in certain areas prohibited. **a.** No motor vehicle shall
4 make a U turn upon any curve, or upon the approach to, or near the crest
5 of a grade, where such motor vehicle cannot be seen by the driver of any
6 other motor vehicle approaching from either direction within five
7 hundred feet.
8 **b. No motor vehicle shall make a U turn within a school zone. For the**
9 **purposes of this subdivision, the term "school zone" shall mean the**
10 **distance along a highway passing a school building, entrance or exit of**
11 **a school abutting on the highway for which a school sign (S1-1) has been**
12 **posted pursuant to this chapter and in compliance with the manual on**
13 **uniform traffic control devices maintained pursuant to section sixteen**
14 **hundred eighty of this chapter.**
15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
16 ing 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.

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