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SENATE, Wednesday, July 27, 2016

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to sight-seeing vehicle safety (Senate, No. 2456),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft entitled "An Act relative to amphibious sight-seeing vehicle safety" (Senate, No. 2473).

For the committee,
Karen E. Spilka

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An Act relative to amphibious sight-seeing vehicle safety.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 13B the following section:-

Section 13C. (a) As used in this section, the term "amphibious sight-seeing vehicle" shall mean a motored vehicle that is used for carrying, for consideration, persons for sight-seeing, touring or similar activities and that is designed to operate both on land and in the water including, but not limited to, vehicles commonly referred to as DUKWs, LARCs, Stalwarts, hybrids and United States Coast Guard certified amphibians.

(b) An amphibious sight-seeing vehicle operating on a public way shall be equipped with safety equipment as prescribed by the registrar including, but not limited to, blind spot cameras and proximity sensors.

(c) A person shall not provide a guide service, narrate history, identify landmarks or sights or otherwise provide entertainment or information when operating an amphibious sight-seeing vehicle on a public way.

(d) Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than $500 for the first offense and by a fine of not more than $1,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

(e) The registrar shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. The registrar of motor vehicles shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to subsection (e) of section 13C of chapter 90 of the General Laws not later than April 1, 2017.

SECTION 3. Section 1 shall take effect on April 1, 2017.