



MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT *Complete Streets*

S. 1332 – Dilan

A. 1863 - Gantt

An Act to amend the highway law, in relation to enabling safe access to public roads for all users

JUSTIFICATION

Providing safe public access to streets in our cities and towns contributes to safer, healthier, and more livable communities. Public access should include all users, including bicyclists, public transportation vehicles and passengers, motorists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. Creating “walkable” communities also provides public health benefits with increased exercise and can decrease dependence on polluting motorized vehicles, thus benefiting our shared environment. Unfortunately, many streets in our communities are not designed to accommodate all users, and therefore, many pedestrians are needlessly injured or killed by collisions with motorists. Older populations are disproportionately hurt by these accidents. **Streets in our communities must be designed and planned to accommodate all users, thus creating safe, livable communities, promoting good health, and benefiting our environment.**

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

- Requires bicycle and pedestrian ways be included in the planning and development of state, county, and local transportation facilities, plans, and programs.
- Requires a best practice report to be published by the Department of Transportation no later than two years after the bill becomes law showing how transportation agencies have changed their procedures to routinely design safe, effective multi-modal facilities for travelers of all ages and abilities.
- Will go into effect 180 days after becomes law

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COMPLETE STREETS LEGISLATION (S. 1332/A.1863)**

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