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### LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Senate Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Joshua Terry, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA)

**DATE:** May 26, 2025

**RE:** CSEA Support for S. 4649-A (Cooney)

**What the bill does:** This legislation increases penalties for failing to comply with New York State's Move Over Law.

**Why it matters:** The Move Over Law requires drivers to slow down and move over when approaching a vehicle on the roadside. This law protects highway workers, first responders, and anyone stopped on the side of the road. However, many drivers fail to comply, putting lives at risk.

**The statistics:**

- From 2016 to 2020, 37 individuals were killed outside disabled vehicles in New York.
- Nationwide, about 300 people are fatally struck on the roadside each year.

**Key provisions:** This bill increases penalties for failing to move over as follows:

- First conviction: from \$150 to **\$275**
- Second conviction within 18 months: from \$300 to **\$450**
- Third conviction within 18 months: from \$450 to **\$750**

**The bottom line:** By increasing penalties failing to move over, this bill deters dangerous behaviors and protects highway workers, first responders, and any driver on the side of the road.

**The Civil Service Employees Association strongly supports its passage.**

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