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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to establishing the crime of unlawful failure to obey a police officer while operating a motor vehicle

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 270.40 to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 270.40 UNLAWFUL FAILURE TO OBEY A POLICE OFFICER WHILE OPERATING A  
4     MOTOR VEHICLE.  
5     A PERSON IS GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL FAILURE TO OBEY A POLICE OFFICER WHILE  
6     OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN HE OR SHE IS OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE  
7     AND, HAVING BEEN DIRECTED TO STOP THE VEHICLE BY EITHER A UNIFORMED  
8     POLICE OFFICER OR A MARKED POLICE VEHICLE BY THE ACTIVATION OF EITHER  
9     THE LIGHTS OR THE LIGHTS AND SIREN OF SUCH VEHICLE, THEREAFTER FAILS TO  
10    STOP THE VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES TO SAFELY STOP THE VEHI-  
11    CLE AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.  
12    UNLAWFUL FAILURE TO OBEY A POLICE OFFICER WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR  
13    VEHICLE IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR.  
14    S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
15    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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