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Introduced by M. of A. CROUCH -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to changing the  
time period for mailing in a not guilty plea to the court

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

1     Section 1. Section 1806 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by  
2     section 1 of part C of chapter 55 of the laws of 2012, is amended to  
3     read as follows:  
4     S 1806. Plea of not guilty by a defendant charged with a traffic  
5     infraction. In addition to appearing personally to enter a plea of not  
6     guilty to a violation of any provision of the tax law or the transporta-  
7     tion law regulating traffic, or to a traffic infraction for the  
8     violation of any of the provisions of the vehicle and traffic law or of  
9     any local law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation relating to the  
10    operation of motor vehicles or motorcycles, a defendant may enter a plea  
11    of not guilty by mailing to the court of appropriate jurisdiction the  
12    ticket making the charge and a signed statement indicating such plea.  
13    Such plea must be sent: (a) by registered or certified mail, return  
14    receipt requested or by first class mail; and (b) within [forty-eight  
15    hours] SEVEN DAYS after receiving such ticket. Upon receipt of such  
16    ticket and statement, the court shall advise the violator, by first  
17    class mail, of an appearance at which no testimony shall be taken. If  
18    the motorist requests a trial, the court shall set a trial date on a  
19    date subsequent to the date of the initial appearance and shall notify  
20    the defendant of the date by first class mail but no warrant of arrest  
21    for failure to appear can be issued until the violator is notified of a  
22    new court appearance date by registered or certified mail, return  
23    receipt requested, and fails to appear.  
24    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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