

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 26, 2022

Introduced by Sen. BROOKS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to increasing the penalties for purposefully obstructed license plates

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 402 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as amended by chapter 451 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 8. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not
5 less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars, except that a
6 violation of subparagraph (ii) or subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (b) of
7 subdivision one of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not
8 less than fifty nor more than three hundred dollars. Officers and
9 members of the state police, or any local police department acting
10 pursuant to this section shall seize and confiscate any covering affixed
11 over the number plates which obscures the ability to easily read such
12 number plates and is made of glass or any plastic material, except that
13 a violation of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section shall be
14 punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars and the
15 owner of the vehicle who such number plates were issued shall have one
16 week from the date such violation is issued to remove any artificial or
17 synthetic material or substance that conceals or obscures such number
18 plates or to purchase new number plates.

19 § 2. Section 510 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a
20 new subdivision 4-h to read as follows:

21 4-h. Suspension of registration for failure to comply with removing
22 any artificial or synthetic material or substance that conceals or
23 obscures number plates or the purchase of new number plates. Upon the
24 receipt of a notification from a court or an administrative tribunal
25 that an owner of a motor vehicle failed to comply with subdivision eight
26 of section four hundred two of this chapter, the commissioner or his or
27 her agent shall suspend the registration of the vehicle involved in the
28 violation and such suspension shall remain in effect until such time as

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

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1 the commissioner is advised that the owner of such vehicle has satisfied
2 the requirements of such subdivision.
3 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
4 ing the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately,
5 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-
6 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
7 authorized to be made on or before such date.