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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 15, 2025

Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- 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 providing for service of parking tickets by mail

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 238 of the vehicle and  
2 traffic law, subdivision 1 as added by chapter 715 of the laws of 1972,  
3 and subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 224 of the laws of 1995, are  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 1. The notice of violation shall contain information advising the  
6 person charged of the manner and the time in which [~~he~~] such person may  
7 plead either guilty or not guilty to the violation alleged in the  
8 notice. Such notice of violation shall also contain a warning to advise  
9 the person charged that failure to plead in the manner and time provided  
10 shall be deemed an admission of liability and that a default judgment  
11 may be entered thereon. Where such notice is served by first-class mail  
12 to a post office box address pursuant to subdivision two of this  
13 section, the person charged shall be given an additional sixty days to  
14 respond to the notice. The form and wording of the notice of violation  
15 shall be prescribed by the director. A duplicate of each notice of  
16 violation shall be served on the person charged in the manner hereinaft-  
17 er provided. The original or a facsimile thereof shall be filed and  
18 retained by the bureau, and shall be deemed a record kept in the ordi-  
19 nary course of business, and shall be prima facie evidence of the facts  
20 contained therein.

21 2. A notice of violation shall be served personally upon the operator  
22 of a motor vehicle who is present at the time of service, and [~~his~~]  
23 their name, together with the plate designation and the plate type as  
24 shown by the registration plates of said vehicle and the expiration  
25 date; the make or model, and body type of said vehicle; a description of

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

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1 the charged violation, including but not limited to a reference to the  
2 applicable traffic rule or provision of this chapter; information as to  
3 the days and hours the applicable rule or provision of this chapter is  
4 in effect, unless always in effect pursuant to rule or this chapter and  
5 where appropriate the word ALL when the days and/or hours in effect are  
6 everyday and/or twenty-four hours a day; the meter number for a meter  
7 violation, where appropriate; and the date, time and particular place of  
8 occurrence of the charged violation, shall be inserted therein. A mere  
9 listing of a meter number in cases of charged meter violations shall not  
10 be deemed to constitute a sufficient description of a particular place  
11 of occurrence for purposes of this subdivision. The notice of violation  
12 shall be served upon the owner of the motor vehicle if the operator is  
13 not present, by affixing such notice to said vehicle in a conspicuous  
14 place or by sending notice to such owner by first-class mail within  
15 fourteen business days if the motor vehicle is registered in New York or  
16 within forty-five business days if the motor vehicle is registered out  
17 of state. Whenever such notice is so affixed or mailed, in lieu of  
18 inserting the name of the person charged with the violation in the space  
19 provided for the identification of said person, the words "owner of the  
20 vehicle bearing license" may be inserted to be followed by the plate  
21 designation and plate type as shown by the registration plates of said  
22 vehicle together with the expiration date; the make or model, and body  
23 type of said vehicle; a description of the charged violation, including  
24 but not limited to a reference to the applicable traffic rule or  
25 provision of this chapter; information as to the days and hours the  
26 applicable rule or provision of this chapter is in effect unless always  
27 in effect pursuant to rule or this chapter and where appropriate the  
28 word ALL when the days and/or hours in effect are every day and/or twen-  
29 ty-four hours a day; the meter number for a meter violation where appro-  
30 priate; and the date, time and particular place of occurrence of the  
31 charged violation. Service of the notice of violation, or a duplicate  
32 thereof by affixation as herein provided shall have the same force and  
33 effect and shall be subject to the same penalties for disregard thereof  
34 as though the same was personally served with the name of the person  
35 charged with the violation inserted therein.

36 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.