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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT directing the commissioner of motor vehicles to conduct a study on the distribution of traffic fines

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

1 Section 1. The commissioner of motor vehicles shall conduct a study in
2 cooperation and consultation with the New York State Association of
3 Towns, the New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials, and
4 the New York State Magistrates Association relating to the disposition
5 of fines and penalties as provided in section 1803 of the vehicle and
6 traffic law. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, an exam-
7 ination of the distribution of fine revenue according to the jurisdic-
8 tion over the highway where a violation occurred, the statute violated,
9 whether the statute violated is a state law or a local ordinance, and
10 the annual per capita monetary cap on revenues applicable to villages
11 and suburban towns. In conducting this study, such commissioner shall
12 examine particularly the fairness of the current law as it relates to
13 the disposition of fines collected for violations under title 7 of the
14 vehicle and traffic law, with special attention given to violations of
15 section 1180 of the vehicle and traffic law.

16 § 2. Upon completion of the study but no later than the thirty-first
17 of December next succeeding the date on which this act shall have become
18 a law, the commissioner of motor vehicles shall submit a report based on
19 the findings of the study to the governor, the temporary president of
20 the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the
21 senate, the minority leader of the assembly, the chair of the senate
22 transportation committee, and the chair of the assembly transportation
23 committee which shall include the findings of the study as well as
24 recommendations for statutory changes that may be implemented in order
25 to ensure a more equitable distribution of revenue for violations of

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

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1 title 7 of the vehicle and traffic law, with special attention given to
2 violations of section 1180 of the vehicle and traffic law.
3 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
4 have become a law.