

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 14, 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 school bus stop-arm cameras

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (h) of section 1174-a of the vehicle and traf-
2 fic law, as added by chapter 145 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 (h) Adjudication of the liability imposed upon owners by this section
5 shall be by a traffic violations bureau established pursuant to section
6 three hundred seventy of the general municipal law where the violation
7 occurred or, if there be none, by the court having jurisdiction over
8 traffic infractions where the violation occurred, except that if a city
9 has established an administrative tribunal to hear and determine
10 complaints of traffic infractions constituting parking, standing or
11 stopping violations such city may, by local law, authorize such adjudi-
12 cation by such tribunal. For courts having jurisdiction over traffic
13 infractions where the violation occurred that adjudicate liability
14 imposed upon owners by this section, a notice of liability validly
15 imposed in accordance with subdivision (g) of this section shall be
16 valid for purposes of such court adjudicating such liability as if it
17 was a uniform traffic ticket or simplified traffic information, and such
18 court shall adjudicate such liability in a manner not inconsistent with
19 sections two hundred forty and two hundred forty-one of this chapter,
20 provided that subsequent judicial review may be sought pursuant to arti-
21 cle seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules. Notwithstanding
22 any inconsistent provision, such courts may adjudicate such liability
23 remotely.

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

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1 § 2. Subdivision (h) of section 1180-e of the vehicle and traffic law,
2 as added by chapter 421 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (h) Adjudication of the liability imposed upon owners of this section
5 shall be by a traffic violations bureau established pursuant to section
6 three hundred seventy of the general municipal law where the violation
7 occurred or, if there be none, by the court having jurisdiction over
8 traffic infractions where the violation occurred, except that if a city
9 has established an administrative tribunal to hear and determine
10 complaints of traffic infractions constituting parking, standing or
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18 court shall adjudicate such liability in a manner not inconsistent with
19 sections two hundred forty and two hundred forty-one of this chapter,
20 provided that subsequent judicial review may be sought pursuant to arti-
21 cle seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules. Notwithstanding
22 any inconsistent provision, such courts may adjudicate such liability
23 remotely.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that:

25 (a) the amendments to subdivision (h) of section 1174-a of the vehicle
26 and traffic law made by section one of this act shall not affect the
27 repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith; and

28 (b) the amendments to subdivision (h) of section 1180-e of the vehicle
29 and traffic law made by section two of this act shall not affect the
30 repeal of such subdivision and shall be deemed repealed therewith.