

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 15, 2025

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 leaving the scene of an accident without reporting where such accident resulted in the death of a minor

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "CJ's law".
2 § 2. Paragraph c of subdivision 2 of section 600 of the vehicle and
3 traffic law, as amended by chapter 497 of the laws of 2022, is amended
4 to read as follows:
5 c. A violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision
6 resulting solely from the failure of an operator to exhibit [~~his or her~~
7 their license and insurance identification card for the vehicle or
8 exchange the information required in such paragraph shall constitute a
9 class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred
10 fifty nor more than five hundred dollars in addition to any other penal-
11 ties provided by law. Any subsequent such violation shall constitute a
12 class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred
13 nor more than one thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties
14 provided by law. Any violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this
15 subdivision, other than for the mere failure of an operator to exhibit
16 [~~his or her~~ their license and insurance identification card for such
17 vehicle or exchange the information required in such paragraph, shall
18 constitute a class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than
19 seven hundred fifty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars in addi-
20 tion to any other penalties provided by law. Any such violation commit-
21 ted by a person after such person has previously been convicted of such
22 a violation shall constitute a class E felony, punishable by a fine of
23 not less than one thousand nor more than three thousand dollars in addi-
24 tion to any other penalties provided by law. Any violation of the

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

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1 provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision, other than for the mere
2 failure of an operator to exhibit [~~his or her~~] their license and insur-
3 ance identification card for such vehicle or exchange the information
4 required in such paragraph, where the personal injury involved (i)
5 results in serious physical injury, as defined in section 10.00 of the
6 penal law, shall constitute a class E felony, punishable by a fine of
7 not less than one thousand nor more than five thousand dollars in addi-
8 tion to any other penalties provided by law, [~~or~~] (ii) results in death
9 shall constitute a class D felony punishable by a fine of not less than
10 two thousand nor more than five thousand dollars in addition to any
11 other penalties provided by law, or (iii) results in death of a minor
12 shall constitute a class C felony punishable by a fine of not less than
13 four thousand nor more than eight thousand dollars in addition to any
14 other penalties provided by law.

15 § 3. This act shall take effect six months after it shall have become
16 a law.