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Introduced by M. of A. ALESSI -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the navigation law, in relation to obedience to law
enforcement vessels

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The navigation law is amended by adding a new section 201-a
2 to read as follows:
3 S 201-A. OBEDIENCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VESSELS DISPLAYING A FLASHING,
4 REVOLVING, OR OSCILLATING BLUE LIGHT. 1. ANY PERSON OPERATING A VESSEL
5 WHO IS APPROACHING, OVERTAKING, BEING APPROACHED, OR BEING OVERTAKEN BY
6 A LAW ENFORCEMENT VESSEL USING AUDIBLE SIGNAL DEVICE OR FLASHING BLUE
7 LIGHT, OR ANY VESSEL APPROACHING A STATIONARY LAW ENFORCEMENT VESSEL
8 DISPLAYING FLASHING BLUE LIGHTS: (A) SHALL IMMEDIATELY SLOW TO A SPEED
9 SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN STEERAGE ONLY; (B) SHALL ALTER ITS COURSE WITHIN
10 ITS ABILITY, SO AS NOT TO INHIBIT OR INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATION OF THE
11 LAW ENFORCEMENT VESSEL; AND (C) SHALL PROCEED UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED
12 BY AN OFFICER IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT VESSEL, AT A REDUCED SPEED UNTIL
13 THE PERSON IS BEYOND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT VESSEL.
14 2. ANY PERSON WHO WILLFULLY OR NEGLIGENTLY INHIBITS OR INTERFERES WITH
15 ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT VESSEL WHILE ON THE WAY TO AN EMERGENCY CALL OR IN
16 THE PURSUIT OF FLEEING VIOLATORS, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE
17 THAN TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS, OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN SEVEN DAYS
18 OR BOTH.
19 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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