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Introduced by Sen. ADAMS -- 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 penalties and requiring imprisonment for leaving the scene of an accident

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 600 of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law, as amended by chapter 49 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     1. Property damage. a. Any person operating a motor vehicle who, know-  
5 ing or having cause to know that damage has been caused to the real  
6 property or to the personal property, not including animals, of another,  
7 due to an incident involving the motor vehicle operated by such person  
8 shall, before leaving the place where the damage occurred, stop, exhibit  
9 his or her license and insurance identification card for such vehicle,  
10 when such card is required pursuant to articles six and eight of this  
11 chapter, and give his or her name, residence, including street and  
12 number, insurance carrier and insurance identification information  
13 including but not limited to the number and effective dates of said  
14 individual's insurance policy, and license number to the party sustain-  
15 ing the damage, or in case the person sustaining the damage is not pres-  
16 ent at the place where the damage occurred then he or she shall report  
17 the same as soon as physically able to the nearest police station, or  
18 judicial officer.  
19     b. It shall be the duty of any member of a law enforcement agency who  
20 is at the scene of the accident to request the said operator or opera-  
21 tors of the motor vehicles, when physically capable of doing so, to  
22 exchange the information required hereinabove and such member of a law

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

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1 enforcement agency shall assist such operator or operators in making  
2 such exchange of information in a reasonable and harmonious manner.  
3 A violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision shall  
4 constitute a [traffic infraction] CLASS A MISDEMEANOR punishable by a  
5 fine of [up to two hundred fifty dollars or a sentence of imprisonment  
6 for up to fifteen days or both such fine and imprisonment] NOT LESS THAN  
7 FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND A SENTENCE  
8 OF IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE  
9 OF SECTION 70.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTIES  
10 PROVIDED BY LAW.  
11 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next  
12 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.