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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Fields) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing the offense of knowingly authorizing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1212-a to read as follows:

S 1212-A. KNOWINGLY AUTHORIZING AN UNLICENSED OR SUSPENDED DRIVER TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE. 1. AN INDIVIDUAL IS GUILTY OF KNOWINGLY AUTHORIZING AN UNLICENSED OR SUSPENDED DRIVER TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN HE OR SHE ENABLES OR AUTHORIZES ANOTHER PERSON TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE OWNED OR REGISTERED TO SUCH INDIVIDUAL WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON DOES NOT HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE PURSUANT TO TITLE FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER.

2. ANY INDIVIDUAL FOUND GUILTY OF KNOWINGLY AUTHORIZING AN UNLICENSED OR SUSPENDED DRIVER TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO:

(A) A CIVIL PENALTY OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER VIOLATION; AND

(B) LIABILITY FOR ANY OFFENSE COMMITTED BY OR ANY DAMAGES CAUSED BY SUCH UNLICENSED OR SUSPENDED DRIVER.

KNOWINGLY AUTHORIZING AN UNLICENSED OR SUSPENDED DRIVER TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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