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2009-2010 Regular Sessions

I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to receiving
trial dates in the mail

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

1 Section 1. Section 1806 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by
2 section 1 of part TT of chapter 56 of the laws of 2009, is amended to
3 read as follows:
4 S 1806. Plea of not guilty by a defendant charged with a traffic
5 infraction. In addition to appearing personally to enter a plea of not
6 guilty to a violation of any provision of the tax law or the transporta-
7 tion law regulating traffic, or to a traffic infraction for the
8 violation of any of the provisions of the vehicle and traffic law or of
9 any local law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation relating to the
10 operation of motor vehicles or motorcycles, a defendant may enter a plea
11 of not guilty by mailing to the court of appropriate jurisdiction the
12 ticket making the charge and a signed statement indicating such plea.
13 Such plea must be sent: (a) by registered or certified mail, return
14 receipt requested or by first class mail; and (b) within forty-eight
15 hours after receiving such ticket. Upon receipt of such ticket and
16 statement, the court shall advise the violator of [an appearance] THE
17 TRIAL date by first class mail but no warrant of arrest for failure to
18 appear can be issued until the violator is notified of a new [court
19 appearance] TRIAL date by registered or certified mail, return receipt
20 requested, and fails to appear.
21 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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