2011-2012 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 19, 2011

Introduced by Sen. GRISANTI -- 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 directing the city of Buffalo to adjudicate traffic infractions

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 225 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 173 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

- 1. (A) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, all violations of this chapter or of a law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation relating to traffic, except parking, standing, stopping or pedestrian offenses, which occur within a city having a population of two hundred thousand or more in which administrative tribunals have heretofore been established, or within that portion of Suffolk county for which a district court has been established, and which are classified as traffic infractions, may be heard and determined pursuant to the regulations of the commissioner as provided in this article.
- (B) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE WITH REGARD TO THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER OR OF A LAW, ORDINANCE, ORDER, RULE OR REGULATION RELATING TO TRAFFIC, WHICH IS CLASSIFIED AS A TRAFFIC INFRACTION, IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO, PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF A GENERAL, SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE CITY OF BUFFALO SHALL PROVIDE BY LOCAL LAW FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS.
- (C) Whenever a crime and a traffic infraction arise out of the same transaction or occurrence, a charge alleging both offenses may be made returnable before the court having jurisdiction over the crime. Nothing herein provided shall be construed to prevent a court, having jurisdiction over a criminal charge relating to traffic or a traffic infraction,

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

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from lawfully entering a judgment of conviction, whether or not based on a plea of guilty, for any offense classified as a traffic infraction.

S 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2013. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.