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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the operation of traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring devices

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

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new
2 section 1111-d to read as follows:
3 S 1111-D. TRAFFIC-CONTROL SIGNAL PHOTO VIOLATION-MONITORING DEVICES;
4 PROHIBITIONS AND PROTECTIONS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF
5 LAW, RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, A CITY OR COUNTY AUTHORIZED TO
6 INSTALL AND OPERATE TRAFFIC-CONTROL SIGNAL PHOTO VIOLATION-MONITORING
7 DEVICES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED ELEVEN-B OF
8 THIS ARTICLE SHALL ADOPT AND ENFORCE MEASURES TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF
9 DRIVERS, PASSENGERS, PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS WHOSE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION MAY BE CAPTURED BY SUCH DEVICES. SUCH PRIVACY-PROTECTION MEASURES
10 SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:
11 1. UTILIZATION OF NECESSARY TECHNOLOGIES TO ENSURE, TO THE EXTENT
12 PRACTICABLE, THAT PHOTOGRAPHS PRODUCED BY SUCH TRAFFIC-CONTROL SIGNAL
13 PHOTO VIOLATION-MONITORING DEVICES SHALL NOT INCLUDE IMAGES THAT IDENTIFY THE DRIVER, THE PASSENGERS, OR THE CONTENTS OF THE VEHICLE. HOWEVER,
14 NO NOTICE OF LIABILITY ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED
15 ELEVEN-B OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE DISMISSED SOLELY BECAUSE A PHOTOGRAPH
16 OR PHOTOGRAPHS ALLOW FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE CONTENTS OF A VEHICLE, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CITY OR COUNTY HAS MADE A REASONABLE EFFORT TO
17 COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION;
18 2. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OR DISSEMINATION OF VEHICLE'S LICENSE PLATE
19 INFORMATION AND OTHER INFORMATION AND IMAGES CAPTURED BY TRAFFIC-CONTROL
20 SIGNAL PHOTO VIOLATION-MONITORING DEVICES EXCEPT AS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH LIABILITY UNDER THIS SECTION OR COLLECT PAYMENT OF PENALTIES; OR
21 UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY A COURT ORDERED SUBPOENA OR SEARCH WARRANT ISSUED
22 IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS PERTAINING TO A
23 SPECIFIC ACCIDENT OR SPECIFIC INCIDENT OF ALLEGED CRIMINAL CONDUCT; OR
24 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW;
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EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 3. DESTRUCTION OF IMAGES OBTAINED BY THE TRAFFIC-CONTROL SIGNAL PHOTO
2 VIOLATION-MONITORING DEVICES NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE DATE
3 SUCH IMAGES WERE RECORDED; OR IMMEDIATELY UPON ADJUDICATION OF THE
4 LIABILITY AND PAYMENT OF FINES, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED
5 ELEVEN-B OF THIS ARTICLE, IF EITHER EVENT OCCURS LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS
6 FROM THE DATE SUCH IMAGES ARE RECORDED;

7 4. THE DELETION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, INCLUDING VEHICLES'
8 LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION, FROM RECORDS MAINTAINED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES
9 OR FOR REPORTING PURPOSES AS DETAILED IN SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED ELEVEN-B
10 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

11 5. OVERSIGHT PROCEDURES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED
12 PRIVACY-PROTECTION MEASURES.

13 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.