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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle with an animal in the front seat or an unrestrained animal in the 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 1229-e to read as follows:

S 1229-E. OPERATION OF VEHICLES WITH ANIMALS. 1. NO PERSON SHALL OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THIS STATE WITH AN ANIMAL IN THE FRONT SEAT.

2. (A) NO PERSON SHALL OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THIS STATE WITH AN ANIMAL IN THE VEHICLE UNLESS SUCH ANIMAL IS RESTRAINED.

(B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A RESTRAINED ANIMAL MEANS AN ANIMAL SECURED IN A HARNESS OR VEHICLE SEAT, CONFINED IN A BOX, OR HARD OR SOFT SIDED TRAVEL CRATE.

3. ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OR TWO OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A CIVIL FINE OF UP TO FIFTY DOLLARS.

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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