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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to leaving the scene of an incident without reporting

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Alix's Law".  
2 S 2. Section 600 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter  
3 49 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:  
4 S 600. Leaving scene of an incident without reporting. 1. Property  
5 damage. a. Any person operating a motor vehicle who, knowing or having  
6 cause to know that THE MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATED BY SUCH PERSON HAS COME IN  
7 CONTACT WITH A PERSON, REAL PROPERTY OR PERSONAL PROPERTY, HAS A DUTY TO  
8 PERFORM A REASONABLE AND GOOD FAITH INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT AND IF  
9 AS A RESULT OF SUCH INVESTIGATION SUCH PERSON KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO  
10 KNOW THAT damage has been caused to the real property or to the personal  
11 property, not including animals, of another, due to [an incident involv-  
12 ing] THE CONTACT OF the motor vehicle operated by such person, SUCH  
13 PERSON shall, before leaving the place where the damage occurred, stop,  
14 exhibit his or her license and insurance identification card for such  
15 vehicle, when such card is required pursuant to articles six and eight  
16 of this chapter, and give his or her name, residence, including street  
17 and number, insurance carrier and insurance identification information  
18 including but not limited to the number and effective dates of said  
19 individual's insurance policy, and license number to the party sustain-  
20 ing the damage, or in case the person sustaining the damage is not pres-  
21 ent at the place where the damage occurred then he or she shall report  
22 the same as soon as physically able to the nearest police station, or  
23 judicial officer. A PERSON OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF  
24 SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER, THAT CAME INTO  
25 CONTACT WITH A PERSON, REAL PROPERTY, OR PERSONAL PROPERTY, THAT  
26 RESULTED IN DAMAGE TO REAL PROPERTY OR TO THE PERSONAL PROPERTY, NOT  
27 INCLUDING ANIMALS OF ANOTHER, SHALL BE PRESUMED TO HAVE KNOWN OR HAVE  
28 CAUSE TO KNOW OF SUCH CONTACT AND OF SUCH DAMAGE, UNLESS SUCH PERSON

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

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1 SHOWS THAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN OR HAVE CAUSE TO KNOW OF SUCH  
2 CONTACT AND OF SUCH INJURY REGARDLESS OF INTOXICATION OR IMPAIRMENT BY  
3 THE USE OF ALCOHOL OR A DRUG, OR BY THE COMBINED INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR  
4 OF ALCOHOL AND ANY DRUG OR DRUGS.

5 b. It shall be the duty of any member of a law enforcement agency who  
6 is at the scene of the accident to request the said operator or opera-  
7 tors of the motor vehicles, when physically capable of doing so, to  
8 exchange the information required hereinabove and such member of a law  
9 enforcement agency shall assist such operator or operators in making  
10 such exchange of information in a reasonable and harmonious manner.

11 A violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision shall  
12 constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of up to two  
13 hundred fifty dollars or a sentence of imprisonment for up to fifteen  
14 days or both such fine and imprisonment.

15 2. Personal injury. a. Any person operating a motor vehicle who, know-  
16 ing or having cause to know that THE MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATED BY SUCH  
17 PERSON HAS COME IN CONTACT WITH A PERSON, REAL PROPERTY OR PERSONAL  
18 PROPERTY, HAS A DUTY TO PERFORM A REASONABLE AND GOOD FAITH INVESTI-  
19 GATION OF THE INCIDENT AND IF AS A RESULT OF SUCH INVESTIGATION SUCH  
20 PERSON KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO KNOW THAT personal injury has been caused  
21 to another person, due to [an incident involving] THE CONTACT OF the  
22 motor vehicle operated by such person, SUCH PERSON shall, before leaving  
23 the place where the said personal injury occurred, stop, exhibit his or  
24 her license and insurance identification card for such vehicle, when  
25 such card is required pursuant to articles six and eight of this chap-  
26 ter, and give his or her name, residence, including street and street  
27 number, insurance carrier and insurance identification information  
28 including but not limited to the number and effective dates of said  
29 individual's insurance policy and license number, to the injured party,  
30 if practical, and also to a police officer, or in the event that no  
31 police officer is in the vicinity of the place of said injury, then, he  
32 or she shall report said incident as soon as physically able to the  
33 nearest police station or judicial officer. A PERSON OPERATING A MOTOR  
34 VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-TWO OF THIS CHAP-  
35 TER, THAT CAME INTO CONTACT WITH A PERSON, REAL PROPERTY, OR PERSONAL  
36 PROPERTY, THAT RESULTED IN INJURY TO ANOTHER PERSON, SHALL BE PRESUMED  
37 TO HAVE KNOWN OR HAVE CAUSE TO KNOW OF SUCH CONTACT AND OF SUCH INJURY,  
38 UNLESS SUCH PERSON SHOWS THAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN OR HAVE CAUSE TO  
39 KNOW OF SUCH CONTACT AND OF SUCH INJURY REGARDLESS OF INTOXICATION OR  
40 IMPAIRMENT BY THE USE OF ALCOHOL OR A DRUG, OR BY THE COMBINED INFLUENCE  
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45 exchange the information required hereinabove and such member of a law  
46 enforcement agency shall assist such operator or operators in making  
47 such exchange of information in a reasonable and harmonious manner.

48 c. A violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision  
49 resulting solely from the failure of an operator to exhibit his or her  
50 license and insurance identification card for the vehicle or exchange  
51 the information required in such paragraph shall constitute a class B  
52 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty nor  
53 more than five hundred dollars in addition to any other penalties  
54 provided by law. Any subsequent such violation shall constitute a class  
55 A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred nor  
56 more than one thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties

1 provided by law. Any violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this  
2 subdivision, other than for the mere failure of an operator to exhibit  
3 his or her license and insurance identification card for such vehicle or  
4 exchange the information required in such paragraph, shall constitute a  
5 class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred  
6 dollars nor more than one thousand dollars in addition to any other  
7 penalties provided by law. Any such violation committed by a person  
8 after such person has previously been convicted of such a violation  
9 shall constitute a class E felony, punishable by a fine of not less than  
10 one thousand nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars in addition  
11 to any other penalties provided by law. Any violation of the provisions  
12 of paragraph a of this subdivision, other than for the mere failure of  
13 an operator to exhibit his or her license and insurance identification  
14 card for such vehicle or exchange the information required in such para-  
15 graph, where the personal injury involved (i) results in serious phys-  
16 ical injury, as defined in section 10.00 of the penal law, shall consti-  
17 tute a class E felony, punishable by a fine of not less than one  
18 thousand nor more than five thousand dollars in addition to any other  
19 penalties provided by law, or (ii) results in death shall constitute a  
20 class D felony punishable by a fine of not less than two thousand nor  
21 more than five thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties  
22 provided by law.

23 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.