

2013-2014 Regular Sessions

I N S E N A T E

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January 9, 2013

Introduced by Sen. MARTINS -- 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 prohibiting a child under the age of eight from being left unattended in a motor vehicle

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 1210-a to read as follows:

3 S 1210-A. UNATTENDED CHILD IN A MOTOR VEHICLE. 1. ANY PARENT, GUARDI-  
4 AN OR OTHER PERSON LEGALLY CHARGED WITH THE CARE OR CUSTODY OF A CHILD  
5 LESS THAN EIGHT YEARS OLD, WHO LEAVES SUCH CHILD INSIDE A MOTOR VEHICLE  
6 WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF A PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST TWELVE YEARS OF AGE,  
7 UNDER CONDITIONS WHICH KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY PRESENT A SIGNIFICANT  
8 RISK TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF SUCH CHILD, SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN  
9 INFRACTION.

10 2. A PERSON CONVICTED OF AN INFRACTION OF A VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION  
11 ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL, FOR A FIRST CONVICTION THEREOF, BE PUNISHED  
12 BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY DOLLARS. UPON A CONVICTION OF A SECOND  
13 VIOLATION, COMMITTED WITHIN A PERIOD OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS OF THE FIRST  
14 VIOLATION, SUCH PERSON SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE  
15 HUNDRED DOLLARS. UPON A CONVICTION OF A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION,  
16 ALL OF WHICH WERE COMMITTED WITHIN A PERIOD OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS, SUCH  
17 PERSON SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY  
18 DOLLARS, AND SUCH PERSON SHALL APPEAR PERSONALLY IN COURT FOR SENTENC-  
19 ING.

20 3. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT THE PROSECUTION OF A PERSON  
21 VIOLATING OR CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION FROM  
22 BEING PROSECUTED UNDER ANY SECTION OF THE LAW.

23 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
24 have become a law.

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