

2013-2014 Regular Sessions

I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. GIANARIS -- 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 interference with a funeral procession

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 1132 to read as follows:

3 S 1132. INTERFERENCE WITH A FUNERAL PROCESSION. (A) THE DRIVER OF A  
4 MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL NOT ENTER, DRIVE BETWEEN, OBSTRUCT, HINDER OR IN ANY  
5 WAY INTERFERE WITH THE VEHICLES CONSTITUTING A FUNERAL PROCESSION WHILE  
6 SUCH VEHICLES ARE IN MOTION UNLESS SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE IS PART OF SUCH  
7 PROCESSION, EXCEPT WHEN AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY A POLICE OFFICER OR WHEN  
8 SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE IS AN AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE EXHIBITING A VISI-  
9 BLE SIGNAL AND SOUNDING AN AUDIBLE SIGNAL.

10 (B) ANY PERSON OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION  
11 (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A TRAFFIC INFRACTION AND SUBJECT  
12 TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY DOLLARS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT  
13 ASSESS ANY POINTS AGAINST THE LICENSE OF A PERSON FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED  
14 THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

15 (C) NO PROVISION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED TO IMPOSE ANY LIABIL-  
16 ITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM A VIOLATION OF THIS  
17 SECTION UPON A FUNERAL FIRM OR ANY PERSON LICENSED OR REGISTERED PURSU-  
18 ANT TO ARTICLE THIRTY-FOUR OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, OR ANY EMPLOYEE OR  
19 AGENT THEREOF, WHEN SUCH FIRM, PERSON, EMPLOYEE OR AGENT IS ACTING WITH-  
20 IN THE SCOPE OF HIS, HER OR ITS DUTIES. NOR SHALL ANY PROVISION OF THIS  
21 SECTION BE DEEMED TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF ANY FUNERAL FIRM OR ANY  
22 PERSON LICENSED OR REGISTERED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE THIRTY-FOUR OF THE  
23 PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, OR ANY EMPLOYEE OR AGENT THEREOF, PURSUANT TO ANY  
24 OTHER PROVISION OF LAW OR AT EQUITY.

25 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next  
26 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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