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Introduced by M. of A. TITONE, CUSICK, BENEDETTO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. McDONOUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to doubling the fines for traffic infractions and traffic misdemeanors committed in school traffic control zones

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 two new sections 1800-a and 1801-a to read as follows:

S 1800-A. SCHOOL TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE; TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED OF THIS ARTICLE AND ANY RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, THAT PART OF ANY HIGHWAY ADJACENT TO A SCHOOL WHERE MAXIMUM SCHOOL SPEED LIMITS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, SHALL ALSO BE DESIGNATED A SCHOOL TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE AND SHALL BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE PLACEMENT OF EITHER A TRAFFIC LIGHT OR STOP SIGN AT EVERY INTERSECTION OR CORNER IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING A SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE WITHIN SUCH SCHOOL ZONE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER THAT NO TRAFFIC LIGHT OR STOP SIGN SHALL BE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IF SUCH INSTALLATION WOULD, BASED ON ENGINEERING JUDGMENT BY THE CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE INTERSECTION OR CORNER, ENDANGER THE SAFETY OF MOTORISTS OR PEDESTRIANS, OR OTHERWISE NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH ENGINEERING JUDGMENT REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS OR STOP SIGNS. ALL FINES FOR TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER WHICH ARE COMMITTED IN A SCHOOL TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE SHALL BE DOUBLE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OTHERWISE SET OUT IN THIS CHAPTER FOR SUCH INFRACTIONS.

S 1801-A. SCHOOL TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE; MISDEMEANORS. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE AND ANY RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, ALL FINES FOR MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER, WHICH ARE COMMITTED IN A SCHOOL

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

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TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE, AS DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED-A OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE DOUBLE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OTHERWISE SET OUT IN THIS CHAPTER FOR SUCH MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Provided that the commissioner of motor vehicles is immediately authorized and directed to promulgate, amend and/or repeal any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date.