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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to including within the offense of vehicular assault in the second degree, the causing of serious injury or death while knowingly operating a motor vehicle with a revoked or suspended license or while not holding a license

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

1 Section 1. Section 120.03 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 732
2 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 120.03 Vehicular assault in the second degree.
4 A person is guilty of vehicular assault in the second degree when he
5 or she causes:
6 1. serious physical injury to another person, and either:
7 [(1)] (A) operates a motor vehicle in violation of subdivision two,
8 three, four or four-a of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law or operates a vessel or public vessel in violation
9 of paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e) of subdivision two of section forty-nine-a of the navigation law, and as a result of such intoxication or
10 impairment by the use of a drug, or by the combined influence of drugs
11 or of alcohol and any drug or drugs, operates such motor vehicle, vessel
12 or public vessel in a manner that causes such serious physical injury to
13 such other person, or
14 [(2)] (B) operates a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating
15 of more than eighteen thousand pounds which contains flammable gas,
16 radioactive materials or explosives in violation of subdivision one of
17 section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law, and
18 such flammable gas, radioactive materials or explosives is the cause of
19 such serious physical injury, and as a result of such impairment by the
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EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 use of alcohol, operates such motor vehicle in a manner that causes such
2 serious physical injury to such other person, or

3 [(3)] (C) operates a snowmobile in violation of paragraph (b), (c) or
4 (d) of subdivision one of section 25.24 of the parks, recreation and
5 historic preservation law or operates an all terrain vehicle as defined
6 in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section twenty-two hundred eight-
7 y-one of the vehicle and traffic law and in violation of subdivision
8 two, three, four, or four-a of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the
9 vehicle and traffic law, and as a result of such intoxication or impair-
10 ment by the use of a drug, or by the combined influence of drugs or of
11 alcohol and any drug or drugs, operates such snowmobile or all terrain
12 vehicle in a manner that causes such serious physical injury to such
13 other person.

14 If it is established that the person operating such motor vehicle,
15 vessel, public vessel, snowmobile or all terrain vehicle caused such
16 serious physical injury while unlawfully intoxicated or impaired by the
17 use of alcohol or a drug, then there shall be a rebuttable presumption
18 that, as a result of such intoxication or impairment by the use of alco-
19 hol or a drug, or by the combined influence of drugs or of alcohol and
20 any drug or drugs, such person operated the motor vehicle, vessel,
21 public vessel, snowmobile or all terrain vehicle in a manner that caused
22 such serious physical injury, as required by this [section.] SUBDIVI-
23 SION; OR

24 2. SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY OR DEATH TO ANOTHER PERSON, WHILE OPERATING
25 A MOTOR VEHICLE, KNOWING OR HAVING REASON TO KNOW THAT HIS OR HER
26 LICENSE TO OR PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IS SUSPENDED OR
27 REVOKED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OR THREE OF SECTION FIVE HUNDRED TEN
28 OR SECTION FIVE HUNDRED TEN-A OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW FOR CONDUCT
29 RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, OR KNOWING OR HAVING
30 REASON TO KNOW THAT HE OR SHE IS NOT DULY LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
31 NINETEEN OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW OR IS A NON-RESIDENT WHO IS NOT
32 LICENSED TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH HE OR
33 SHE RESIDES.

34 Vehicular assault in the second degree is a class E felony.

35 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
36 it shall have become a law.