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Introduced by M. of A. GANTT -- 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, the general municipal law, the state finance law, and the criminal procedure law, in relation to the adjudication of traffic infractions

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

1     Section 1. Section 155 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by  
2     section 1 of part CC of chapter 58 of the laws of 2015, is amended to  
3     read as follows:  
4     S 155. Traffic infraction. The violation of any provision of this  
5     chapter, except articles forty-seven and forty-eight, or of any law,  
6     ordinance, order, rule or regulation regulating traffic which is not  
7     declared by this chapter or other law of this state to be a misdemeanor  
8     or a felony. A traffic infraction is not a crime and the punishment  
9     imposed therefor shall not be deemed for any purpose a penal or criminal  
10    punishment and shall not affect or impair the credibility as a witness  
11    or otherwise of any person convicted thereof. This definition shall be  
12    retroactive and shall apply to all acts and violations heretofore  
13    committed where such acts and violations would, if committed subsequent  
14    to the taking effect of this section, be included within the meaning of  
15    the term "traffic infraction" as herein defined. Except in those  
16    portions of Suffolk county for which a district court has been estab-  
17    lished, [outside of cities having a population in excess of two hundred  
18    thousand but less than two hundred twenty thousand in which administra-  
19    tive tribunals have heretofore been established and] outside of cities  
20    having a population in excess of one million in which administrative  
21    tribunals have heretofore been established, courts and judicial officers  
22    heretofore having jurisdiction over such violations shall continue to do  
23    so and for such purpose such violations shall be deemed misdemeanors and  
24    all provisions of law relating to misdemeanors except as provided in  
25    section eighteen hundred five of this chapter and except as herein  
26    otherwise expressly provided shall apply except that no jury trial shall

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

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1 be allowed for traffic infractions. In those portions of Suffolk county  
2 for which a district court has been established[, and in cities having a  
3 population in excess of two hundred thousand but less than two hundred  
4 twenty thousand in which administrative tribunals have heretofore been  
5 established] and in cities having a population in excess of one million  
6 in which administrative tribunals have heretofore been established, the  
7 criminal courts of such cities or portions of Suffolk county in which a  
8 district court has been established shall have jurisdiction to hear and  
9 determine any complaint alleging a violation constituting a traffic  
10 infraction, except that administrative tribunals heretofore established  
11 in such cities or portions of Suffolk county in which a district court  
12 has been established shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any  
13 charge of an offense which is a traffic infraction, except parking,  
14 standing or stopping. In cities having a population in excess of two  
15 hundred thousand in which administrative tribunals have heretofore been  
16 established, and any such administrative tribunal established by the  
17 city of Yonkers, the city of Peekskill, or the city of Syracuse, such  
18 tribunals shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any charge of an  
19 offense which is a parking, standing or stopping violation. Any fine  
20 imposed by an administrative tribunal shall be a civil penalty. For  
21 purposes of arrest without a warrant, pursuant to article one hundred  
22 forty of the criminal procedure law, a traffic infraction shall be  
23 deemed an offense.

24 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 225 of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
25 amended by section 2 of part CC of chapter 58 of the laws of 2015, is  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 1. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, all violations  
28 of this chapter or of a law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation relat-  
29 ing to traffic, except parking, standing, stopping or pedestrian  
30 offenses, which occur [within a city having a population of two hundred  
31 thousand or more but less than two hundred twenty thousand in which  
32 administrative tribunals have heretofore been established, or] within a  
33 city having a population of one million or more in which administrative  
34 tribunals have heretofore, been established, and which are classified as  
35 traffic infractions, may be heard and determined pursuant to the regu-  
36 lations of the commissioner as provided in this article. Whenever a  
37 crime and a traffic infraction arise out of the same transaction or  
38 occurrence, a charge alleging both offenses may be made returnable  
39 before the court having jurisdiction over the crime. Nothing herein  
40 provided shall be construed to prevent a court, having jurisdiction over  
41 a criminal charge relating to traffic or a traffic infraction, from  
42 lawfully entering a judgment of conviction, whether or not based on a  
43 plea of guilty, for any offense classified as a traffic infraction.

44 S 3. Subdivision 5 of section 227 of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
45 amended by section 3 of part CC of chapter 58 of the laws of 2015, is  
46 amended to read as follows:

47 5. All penalties and forfeited security collected pursuant to the  
48 provisions of this article shall be paid to the department of audit and  
49 control to the credit of the justice court fund and shall be subject to  
50 the applicable provisions of section eighteen hundred three of this  
51 chapter. After such audit as shall reasonably be required by the comp-  
52 troller, such penalties and forfeited security shall be paid quarterly  
53 or, in the discretion of the comptroller, monthly, to the appropriate  
54 jurisdiction in which the violation occurred in accordance with the  
55 provisions of section ninety-nine-a of the state finance law, except  
56 that the sum of four dollars for each violation occurring in such juris-

1 diction for which a complaint has been filed with the administrative  
2 tribunal established pursuant to this article shall be retained by the  
3 state. [The amount distributed during the first three quarters to the  
4 city of Rochester in any given fiscal year shall not exceed seventy  
5 percent of the amount which will be otherwise payable.] Provided, howev-  
6 er, that if the full costs of administering this article shall exceed  
7 the amounts received and retained by the state for any period specified  
8 by the commissioner, then such additional sums as shall be required to  
9 offset such costs shall be retained by the state out of the penalties  
10 and forfeited security collected pursuant to this article.

11 S 4. Section 370 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a  
12 new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

13 5. THERE SHALL BE AN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE ROCHESTER CITY  
14 GOVERNMENT KNOWN AS THE ROCHESTER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AGENCY, WHICH SHALL  
15 OPERATE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE MAYOR.

16 S 5. Section 370-a of the general municipal law is amended by adding  
17 two new subdivisions 1-b and 2-a to read as follows:

18 1-B. "TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AGENCY" SHALL MEAN AN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 THE CITY OF ROCHESTER ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FIVE OF  
20 SECTION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY OF THIS ARTICLE TO ADMINISTER AND DISPOSE  
21 OF TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS AS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

22 2-A. "TRAFFIC PROSECUTOR" SHALL ALSO MEAN AN ATTORNEY DULY ADMITTED TO  
23 PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK WHO, HAVING BEEN APPOINTED AND  
24 EITHER HIRED OR RETAINED PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE HUNDRED  
25 SEVENTY-FOUR-B OF THIS ARTICLE, HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROSECUTING  
26 ANY TRAFFIC AND PARKING INFRACTIONS RETURNABLE BEFORE THE ROCHESTER CITY  
27 COURT PURSUANT TO THE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITATIONS OF SECTION THREE  
28 HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE.

29 S 6. Section 371 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a  
30 new subdivision 2-b to read as follows:

31 2-B. THE ROCHESTER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AGENCY, AS ESTABLISHED IN SUBDI-  
32 VISION FIVE OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY OF THIS ARTICLE, MAY BE  
33 AUTHORIZED TO ASSIST THE ROCHESTER CITY COURT IN THE DISPOSITION AND  
34 ADMINISTRATION OF INFRACTIONS OF TRAFFIC LAWS, ORDINANCES, RULES AND  
35 REGULATIONS EXCEPT THAT SUCH AGENCY SHALL NOT HAVE JURISDICTION OVER (A)  
36 THE TRAFFIC INFRACTION DEFINED UNDER SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION ELEVEN  
37 HUNDRED NINETY-TWO OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW; (B) THE TRAFFIC  
38 INFRACTION DEFINED UNDER SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED  
39 NINETY-TWO OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW; (C) THE VIOLATION DEFINED  
40 UNDER PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION FOURTEEN-F OF THE  
41 TRANSPORTATION LAW AND THE VIOLATION DEFINED UNDER CLAUSE (B) OF SUBPAR-  
42 AGRAPH (III) OF PARAGRAPH C OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED  
43 FORTY OF THE TRANSPORTATION LAW; (D) THE TRAFFIC INFRACTION DEFINED  
44 UNDER SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN-A OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC  
45 LAW AND THE TRAFFIC INFRACTION DEFINED UNDER SUBDIVISION (G) OF SECTION  
46 ELEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW; (E) TRAFFIC  
47 INFRACTIONS CONSTITUTING PARKING, STANDING, STOPPING OR PEDESTRIAN  
48 OFFENSES; (F) ANY MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY; OR (G) ANY OFFENSE THAT IS PART  
49 OF THE SAME CRIMINAL TRANSACTION, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION  
50 TWO OF SECTION 40.10 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW, AS A VIOLATION OF  
51 SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-TWO OF THE VEHICLE AND  
52 TRAFFIC LAW, A VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED  
53 NINETY-TWO OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, A VIOLATION OF PARAGRAPH (B)  
54 OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION FOURTEEN-F OF THE TRANSPORTATION LAW, A  
55 VIOLATION OF CLAUSE (B) OF SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF PARAGRAPH C OF SUBDIVI-  
56 SION TWO OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED FORTY OF THE TRANSPORTATION LAW, A

VIOLATION OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN-A OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, A VIOLATION CONSTITUTING A PARKING, STOPPING, STANDING OR PEDESTRIAN OFFENSE, A VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION (G) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW OR ANY MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY.

S 7. Section 371 of the general municipal law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 3-b and 4-b to read as follows:

3-B. A PERSON CHARGED WITH AN INFRACTION WHICH SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY THE ROCHESTER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AGENCY MAY BE PERMITTED TO ANSWER, WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIME, AT THE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AGENCY EITHER IN PERSON OR BY WRITTEN POWER OF ATTORNEY IN SUCH FORM AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED IN THE ORDINANCE OR LOCAL LAW CREATING THE AGENCY, BY PAYING A PRESCRIBED FINE AND, IN WRITING, WAIVING A HEARING IN COURT, PLEADING GUILTY TO THE CHARGE OR A LESSER CHARGE AGREEABLE TO THE TRAFFIC PROSECUTOR AND THE PERSON CHARGED WITH AN INFRACTION, AND AUTHORIZING THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE AGENCY TO ENTER SUCH A PLEA AND ACCEPT PAYMENT OF SAID FINE. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRESCRIBED FINE AND POWER OF ATTORNEY BY THE AGENCY SHALL BE DEEMED COMPLETE SATISFACTION FOR THE VIOLATION, AND THE VIOLATOR SHALL BE GIVEN A RECEIPT WHICH SO STATES. IF A PERSON CHARGED WITH A TRAFFIC VIOLATION DOES NOT ANSWER AS HEREINBEFORE PRESCRIBED, WITHIN A DESIGNATED TIME, THE AGENCY MAY CAUSE A COMPLAINT TO BE ENTERED AGAINST HIM FORTHWITH AND A WARRANT TO BE ISSUED FOR HIS ARREST AND APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COURT, SUCH SUMMONS TO BE PREDICATED UPON THE PERSONAL SERVICE OF SAID SUMMONS UPON THE PERSON CHARGED WITH THE INFRACTION. ANY PERSON WHO SHALL HAVE BEEN, WITHIN THE PRECEDING TWELVE MONTHS, GUILTY OF THREE OR MORE VIOLATIONS, SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO APPEAR AND ANSWER TO A SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION AT THE AGENCY, BUT MUST APPEAR IN COURT AT A TIME SPECIFIED BY THE AGENCY. SUCH AGENCY SHALL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO DEPRIVE A PERSON OF HIS RIGHT TO COUNSEL OR TO PREVENT HIM FROM EXERCISING HIS RIGHT TO APPEAR IN COURT TO ANSWER TO, EXPLAIN, OR DEFEND ANY CHARGE OF A VIOLATION OF ANY TRAFFIC LAW, ORDINANCE, RULE OR REGULATION.

4-B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF LAW, FINES, PENALTIES AND FORFEITURES COLLECTED BY THE ROCHESTER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AGENCY SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED THREE OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW. ALL FINES, PENALTIES AND FORFEITURES FOR VIOLATIONS ADJUDICATED BY THE ROCHESTER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AGENCY PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO-A OF THIS SECTION EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION NINETY-NINE-A OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, SHALL BE PAID BY SUCH AGENCY TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER WITHIN THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING COLLECTION. EACH SUCH PAYMENT SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A TRUE AND COMPLETE REPORT IN SUCH FORM AND DETAIL AS THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PRESCRIBE.

S 8. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 374-b to read as follows:

S 374-B. TRAFFIC PROSECUTOR SELECTION AND OVERSIGHT. (A) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ROCHESTER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AGENCY, APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (B) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL SELECT AND MAY CONTRACT WITH OR HIRE ONE OR MORE PERSONS WHO ARE ATTORNEYS, DULY ADMITTED TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN NEW YORK STATE FOR THE PROSECUTION OF ANY TRAFFIC INFRACTION, EXCEPT THOSE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) AND (G) OF SUBDIVISION TWO-B OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE, TO BE HEARD, TRIED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF BY THE ROCHESTER CITY COURT. SUCH PERSONS SHALL BE KNOWN AS "TRAFFIC PROSECUTORS", AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-A OF THIS ARTICLE. TRAFFIC PROSECUTORS SHALL HAVE THE SAME POWER AS A

1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE IN THE PROSECUTION OF ANY TRAFFIC  
2 INFRACTION WHICH MAY, PURSUANT TO THE JURISDICTIONAL PROVISIONS OF  
3 SECTION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE, BE PROSECUTED BEFORE  
4 THE ROCHESTER CITY COURT IF THE TRAFFIC VIOLATION OCCURRED IN THE CITY  
5 OF ROCHESTER. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL GIVE ACTIVE CONSIDERATION TO  
6 REQUIRING THAT SUCH TRAFFIC PROSECUTORS SERVE ON A FULL-TIME BASIS.  
7 TRAFFIC PROSECUTORS ARE PROHIBITED FROM APPEARING IN ANY CAPACITY OTHER  
8 THAN AS A TRAFFIC PROSECUTOR IN ANY PART OF THE ROCHESTER CITY COURT ON  
9 ANY MATTER RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND ARE FURTHER PROHIBITED  
10 FROM APPEARING IN ANY CAPACITY OTHER THAN AS A TRAFFIC PROSECUTOR IN ANY  
11 OTHER COURT OR ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL ON ANY MATTER RELATING TO TRAFFIC  
12 VIOLATIONS.

13 (B) THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER SHALL APPOINT A PERSON TO SERVE  
14 AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ROCHESTER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AGENCY  
15 SUBJECT TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER.  
16 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT AND  
17 ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGENCY. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS PROHIBITED FROM  
18 APPEARING IN ANY CAPACITY IN ANY PART OF THE ROCHESTER CITY COURT ON ANY  
19 MATTER RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND IS FURTHER PROHIBITED FROM  
20 APPEARING IN ANY CAPACITY IN ANY OTHER COURT OR ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL  
21 ON ANY MATTER RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

22 (C) IT SHALL BE A MISDEMEANOR FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANY TRAFFIC  
23 PROSECUTOR OR ANY JUDICIAL HEARING OFFICER ASSIGNED TO HEAR TRAFFIC  
24 VIOLATIONS CASES PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTEEN HUNDRED NINETY OF THE VEHICLE  
25 AND TRAFFIC LAW TO ESTABLISH ANY QUOTA OF TRAFFIC VIOLATION  
26 CONVICTIONS WHICH MUST BE OBTAINED BY ANY TRAFFIC PROSECUTOR OR JUDICIAL  
27 HEARING OFFICER. NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL PROHIBIT THE TAKING OF  
28 ANY JOB ACTION AGAINST A TRAFFIC PROSECUTOR OR JUDICIAL HEARING OFFICER  
29 FOR FAILURE TO SATISFACTORILY PERFORM SUCH PROSECUTOR'S OR OFFICER'S JOB  
30 ASSIGNMENT EXCEPT THAT THE EMPLOYMENT PRODUCTIVITY OF SUCH PROSECUTOR OR  
31 OFFICER SHALL NOT BE MEASURED BY THE ATTAINMENT OR NONATTAINMENT OF ANY  
32 CONVICTION QUOTA. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION A CONVICTION QUOTA  
33 SHALL MEAN A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS WHICH MUST BE OBTAINED WITHIN  
34 A SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD.

35 (D) PURSUANT TO SECTION 3-9 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER,  
36 THE CITY OF ROCHESTER MAY APPROPRIATE THOSE MONIES WHICH, IN ITS SOLE  
37 DISCRETION, ARE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THOSE PERSONS SELECTED  
38 TO SERVE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND TRAFFIC PROSECUTORS AND TO COVER ALL  
39 OTHER EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ROCHESTER TRAFFIC  
40 VIOLATIONS AGENCY.

41 S 9. Subdivision 3 of section 99-a of the state finance law, as  
42 amended by section 10 of part CC of chapter 58 of the laws of 2015, is  
43 amended to read as follows:

44 3. The comptroller is hereby authorized to implement alternative  
45 procedures, including guidelines in conjunction therewith, relating to  
46 the remittance of fines, penalties, forfeitures and other moneys by town  
47 and village justice courts, and by the Nassau and Suffolk counties traffic  
48 and parking violations agencies, and by the city of Buffalo traffic  
49 violations agency, AND BY THE CITY OF ROCHESTER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AGENCY  
50 to the justice court fund and for the distribution of such moneys by  
51 the justice court fund. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the  
52 alternative procedures utilized may include:

53 a. electronic funds transfer;

54 b. remittance of funds by the justice court to the chief fiscal office  
55 of the town or village, or, in the case of the Nassau and Suffolk counties  
56 traffic and parking violations agencies, to the county treasurer,

1 or, in the case of the Buffalo traffic violations agency, to the city of  
2 Buffalo comptroller, OR IN THE CASE OF THE ROCHESTER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS  
3 AGENCY, TO THE CITY OF ROCHESTER COMPTROLLER, for distribution in  
4 accordance with instructions by the comptroller; and/or

5 c. monthly, rather than quarterly, distribution of funds.

6 The comptroller may require such reporting and record keeping as he or  
7 she deems necessary to ensure the proper distribution of moneys in  
8 accordance with applicable laws. A justice court or the Nassau and  
9 Suffolk counties traffic and parking violations agencies or the city of  
10 Buffalo traffic violations agency OR THE CITY OF ROCHESTER TRAFFIC  
11 VIOLATIONS AGENCY may utilize these procedures only when permitted by  
12 the comptroller, and such permission, once given, may subsequently be  
13 withdrawn by the comptroller on due notice.

14 S 10. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 4-a of section 510 of the vehicle  
15 and traffic law, as amended by section 11 of part CC of chapter 58 of  
16 the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

17 (c) Upon receipt of notification from a traffic and parking violations  
18 agency or a traffic violations agency of the failure of a person to  
19 appear within sixty days of the return date or new subsequent adjourned  
20 date, pursuant to an appearance ticket charging said person with a  
21 violation of:

22 (i) any of the provisions of this chapter except one for parking,  
23 stopping or standing and except those violations described in paragraphs  
24 (a), (b), (d), (e) and (f) of subdivision two and in paragraphs (a),  
25 (b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of subdivision two-a AND IN PARAGRAPHS (A),  
26 (B), (D), (E), (F) AND (G) OF SUBDIVISION TWO-B of section three hundred  
27 seventy-one of the general municipal law;

28 (ii) section five hundred two or subdivision (a) of section eighteen  
29 hundred fifteen of the tax law;

30 (iii) section fourteen-f (except paragraph (b) of subdivision four of  
31 section fourteen-f), two hundred eleven or two hundred twelve of the  
32 transportation law; or

33 (iv) any lawful ordinance or regulation made by a local or public  
34 authority relating to traffic (except one for parking, stopping or  
35 standing) or the failure to pay a fine imposed for such a violation by a  
36 traffic and parking violations agency or a traffic violations agency,  
37 the commissioner or his or her agent may suspend the driver's license or  
38 privileges of such person pending receipt of notice from the agency that  
39 such person has appeared in response to such appearance ticket or has  
40 paid such fine. Such suspension shall take effect no less than thirty  
41 days from the day upon which notice thereof is sent by the commissioner  
42 to the person whose driver's license or privileges are to be suspended.  
43 Any suspension issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be subject to the  
44 provisions of paragraph (j-1) of subdivision two of section five hundred  
45 three of this chapter.

46 S 11. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 514 of the vehicle and  
47 traffic law, as amended by section 12 of part CC of chapter 58 of the  
48 laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

49 (b) Upon the failure of a person to appear or answer, within sixty  
50 days of the return date or any subsequent adjourned date, or the failure  
51 to pay a fine imposed by a traffic and parking violations agency or a  
52 traffic violations agency pursuant to a summons charging him or her with  
53 a violation of:

54 (1) any of the provisions of this chapter except one for parking,  
55 stopping or standing and except those violations described in paragraphs  
56 (a), (b), (d), (e) and (f) of subdivision two and in paragraphs (a),

(b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of subdivision two-a AND IN PARAGRAPHS (A), (B), (D), (E), (F) AND (G) OF SUBDIVISION TWO-B of section three hundred seventy-one of the general municipal law;

(2) section five hundred two or subdivision (a) of section eighteen hundred fifteen of the tax law;

(3) section fourteen-f (except paragraph (b) of subdivision four of section fourteen-f), two hundred eleven or two hundred twelve of the transportation law; or

(4) any lawful ordinance or regulation made by a local or public authority relating to traffic (except one for parking, stopping or standing);

the clerk thereof shall within ten days certify that fact to the commissioner, in the manner and form prescribed by the commissioner, who shall record the same in his or her office. Thereafter and upon the appearance of any such person in response to such summons or the receipt of the fine by the agency, the traffic and parking violations agency, the traffic violations agency or the clerk thereof shall forthwith certify that fact to the commissioner, in the manner and form prescribed by the commissioner; provided, however, no such certification shall be made unless the traffic and parking violations agency or the traffic violations agency has collected the termination of suspension fee required to be paid pursuant to paragraph (j-1) of subdivision two of section five hundred three of this chapter.

S 12. The article heading of article 44-A of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 13 of part CC of chapter 58 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

AUTHORITY OF THE NASSAU AND SUFFOLK  
COUNTY DISTRICT COURT AND BUFFALO CITY COURT AND  
ROCHESTER CITY COURT  
JUDICIAL HEARING OFFICERS

S 13. The section heading of section 1690 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 14 of part CC of chapter 58 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

Authority of the Nassau county and Suffolk county district court judicial hearing officers and the city of Buffalo judicial hearing officers AND THE CITY OF ROCHESTER JUDICIAL HEARING OFFICERS.

S 14. Section 1690 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 1-b and 4-b to read as follows:

1-B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, WHERE THE TRIAL OF A TRAFFIC INFRACTION IS AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED TO BE TRIED BEFORE THE ROCHESTER CITY COURT, AND SUCH TRAFFIC INFRACTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A MISDEMEANOR, FELONY, VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-TWO, SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-TWO, SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN-A, OR SUBDIVISION (G) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THIS CHAPTER, OR A VIOLATION OF PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION FOURTEEN-F OR CLAUSE (B) OF SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF PARAGRAPH C OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED FORTY OF THE TRANSPORTATION LAW, OR ANY PARKING, STOPPING, STANDING OR PEDESTRIAN OFFENSE, OR ANY OFFENSE THAT IS PART OF THE SAME CRIMINAL TRANSACTION, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 40.10 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW, AS SUCH A MISDEMEANOR, FELONY, VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-TWO, SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-TWO, SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN-A OR SUBDIVISION (G) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY OF THIS CHAPTER, OR A VIOLATION OF PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION FOURTEEN-F OR CLAUSE (B) OF SUBPARAGRAPH

1 (III) OF PARAGRAPH D OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED FORTY OF  
2 THE TRANSPORTATION LAW, OR ANY PARKING, STOPPING, STANDING OR PEDESTRIAN  
3 OFFENSE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MAY  
4 ASSIGN JUDICIAL HEARING OFFICERS TO CONDUCT SUCH A TRIAL. SUCH JUDICIAL  
5 HEARING OFFICERS SHALL: (I) BE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER; AND  
6 (II) BE VILLAGE OR TOWN COURT JUSTICES, CITY COURT JUDGES OR RETIRED  
7 JUDGES OR JUSTICES ALL OF WHICH SHALL HAVE AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF EXPERI-  
8 ENCE CONDUCTING TRIALS OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS CASES; AND (III) BE ADMIT-  
9 TED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THIS STATE; AND (IV) BE SELECTED FROM A LIST OF  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER PROVIDED THAT THE  
11 MAYOR SHALL GIVE AT LEAST THREE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EACH JUDICIAL HEAR-  
12 ING OFFICER ASSIGNMENT. WHERE SUCH ASSIGNMENT IS MADE, THE JUDICIAL  
13 HEARING OFFICER SHALL ENTERTAIN THE CASE IN THE SAME MANNER AS A COURT  
14 AND SHALL:

- 15 (A) DETERMINE ALL QUESTIONS OF LAW;
- 16 (B) ACT AS THE EXCLUSIVE TRIER OF ALL ISSUES OF FACT;
- 17 (C) RENDER A VERDICT;
- 18 (D) IMPOSE SENTENCE; OR
- 19 (E) DISPOSE OF THE CASE IN ANY MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW.

20 4-B. JUDICIAL HEARING OFFICERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM APPEARING IN ANY  
21 CAPACITY OTHER THAN AS A JUDICIAL HEARING OFFICER IN ANY PART OF ROCHESTER  
22 CITY COURT ON ANY MATTER RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND ARE  
23 FURTHER PROHIBITED FROM APPEARING IN ANY CAPACITY OTHER THAN AS A JUDI-  
24 CIAL HEARING OFFICER IN ANY OTHER COURT OR ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL ON  
25 ANY MATTER RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

26 S 15. Subdivision 5 of section 350.20 of the criminal procedure law,  
27 as amended by section 16 of part CC of chapter 58 of the laws of 2015,  
28 is amended to read as follows:

29 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one of this section,  
30 for all proceedings before the district court of Nassau county the  
31 administrative judge of Nassau county may, and for all proceedings  
32 before the district court of Suffolk county, the administrative judge of  
33 Suffolk county may, without the consent of the parties, assign matters  
34 involving traffic and parking infractions except those described in  
35 paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of subdivision two of section  
36 three hundred seventy-one of the general municipal law to a judicial  
37 hearing officer in accordance with the provisions of section sixteen  
38 hundred ninety of the vehicle and traffic law and for all proceedings  
39 before the Buffalo city court the administrative judge of the eighth  
40 judicial district may, without the consent of the parties, assign  
41 matters involving traffic infractions except those described in para-  
42 graphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of subdivision two-a of  
43 section three hundred seventy-one of the general municipal law to a  
44 judicial hearing officer in accordance with the provisions of section  
45 sixteen hundred ninety of the vehicle and traffic law AND FOR ALL  
46 PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE ROCHESTER CITY COURT THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF  
47 THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MAY, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE PARTIES,  
48 ASSIGN MATTERS INVOLVING TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS EXCEPT THOSE DESCRIBED IN  
49 PARAGRAPHS (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) AND (G) OF SUBDIVISION TWO-B OF  
50 SECTION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW TO A  
51 JUDICIAL HEARING OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION  
52 SIXTEEN HUNDRED NINETY OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW.

53 S 16. Pending actions and proceedings. (a) No proceeding involving a  
54 charge of a traffic infraction pending at such time when an existing  
55 administrative tribunal shall cease to exist shall be affected or abated  
56 by the passage of this act or by anything herein contained or by the



1 cessation of the existence of any administrative tribunal. All such  
2 proceedings are hereby transferred to the court of appropriate jurisdic-  
3 tion in the city where such traffic infractions allegedly occurred.

4 (b)(i) The agency, department, office, or person charged with the  
5 custody of the records of an existing administrative tribunal which is  
6 about to cease existing under, or in connection with, this act shall  
7 arrange for the transfer of the records of pending proceedings to the  
8 court of appropriate jurisdiction to which the proceedings shall be  
9 transferred. The presiding judge of such court shall enter an order  
10 providing for adequate notice consistent with due process of law to  
11 respondents in such pending proceedings regarding the transfer of such  
12 proceedings.

13 (ii) In no event shall any difficulty or delay resulting from the  
14 transfer process, not caused by the respondent, increase the penalty  
15 required of the respondent appearing before the court due to a transfer  
16 of the traffic infraction proceeding or otherwise prejudice such  
17 respondent. Respondents before the court due to a transfer of the traf-  
18 fic infraction proceeding from an administrative tribunal to the court  
19 that fail to appear shall be permitted at least one adjournment before  
20 the penalties and procedures pursuant to subdivision 3 of section 226 of  
21 the vehicle and traffic law shall be available. The presiding judge of  
22 such court shall enter an order providing for adequate notice consistent  
23 with due process of law to respondents, including notice of the penal-  
24 ties and procedures available pursuant to subdivision 3 of section 226  
25 of the vehicle and traffic law.

26 S 17. The executive director of the Rochester traffic violations agen-  
27 cy shall issue on an annual basis, beginning eighteen months following  
28 the creation of the Rochester traffic violations agency pursuant to city  
29 of Rochester local law, a report detailing the progress, development and  
30 operations of the traffic violations agency. The report shall be  
31 provided to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the  
32 speaker of the assembly, the mayor of Rochester, the common council of  
33 Rochester, the presiding judge of the Rochester city court and the  
34 Monroe county district attorney.

35 S 18. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017; provided, however, that  
36 effective immediately the city of Rochester is authorized to enact a  
37 local law establishing a traffic violations agency in the city of  
38 Rochester; provided, however, that the provisions of sections four and  
39 five of this act shall take effect on the same date as the enactment of  
40 such local law, herein authorized, establishing a traffic violations  
41 agency; provided, further, that if established, such agency and the city  
42 of Rochester shall comply with all the provisions of law set forth in  
43 this act; provided, however, that the amendments to section 371 of the  
44 general municipal law, made by sections six and seven of this act, shall  
45 not affect the expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire  
46 therewith; and provided, further, that the city of Rochester shall noti-  
47 fy the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the  
48 enactment of the local law provided for in this section in order that  
49 the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base  
50 of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance  
51 of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and  
52 section 70-b of the public officers law.