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Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to prohibiting certain  
plea bargain limitations

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

1     Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 231 to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 231. PROSECUTION OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC  
4     LAW. 1. THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE SHALL MAKE NO RULE OR REGULATION  
5     NOR SHALL OTHERWISE LIMIT A MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE'S ABILITY TO  
6     MODIFY OR RECOMMEND THE MODIFICATION OF A CHARGE BEFORE A COURT RELATING  
7     TO A PETTY VIOLATION OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW. IN ADDITION, A  
8     MEMBER WHO HAS ISSUED A CITATION OR UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET (HEREAFTER  
9     REFERRED TO AS THE "ISSUING MEMBER") TO A PERSON FOR COMMITTING A PETTY  
10    VIOLATION OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO APPEAR  
11    BEFORE THE COURT IF AUTHORIZED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHERE SUCH  
12    VIOLATION IS RETURNABLE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW  
13    YORK, AT A DATE DESIGNATED BY THE COURT, AND RECOMMEND TO THE COURT THE  
14    MODIFICATION OF THE ORIGINAL CHARGE OR CHARGES.  
15    2. THIS SECTION IS NOT INTENDED TO AFFECT ANY PLEA BARGAIN LIMITATIONS  
16    OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS CHAPTER OR OTHER LAW OF THIS STATE,  
17    INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH FOR THE  
18    ALLEGED COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE OF THE VEHICLE  
19    AND TRAFFIC LAW.  
20    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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