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Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to repossession of motor vehicle or motorcycle

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 425 of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law, as amended by chapter 81 of the laws of 1968, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     1. Any person, firm or corporation, or agent, employee or represen-  
5 tative thereof, repossessing or retaking a motor vehicle or motorcycle  
6 pursuant to the provisions of article nine of the uniform commercial  
7 code, or other authority of law, or any contract or agreement, shall,  
8 immediately following such repossession or retaking, personally appear  
9 at a station house or other office of the police department, or agency  
10 or officer performing like functions, in the locality wherein such  
11 repossession or retaking occurred, give notice to such department, agen-  
12 cy or officer of such repossession or retaking and thereafter and within  
13 [twenty-four hours] TEN DAYS personally deliver or mail by [special  
14 delivery] first class mail to the nearest motor vehicle [district]  
15 office, (a) notice of such repossession or retaking in such form as the  
16 commissioner may require and (b) the number plates of such motor vehicle  
17 or motorcycle. Notice of such repossession or retaking, including the  
18 name and address of the person, firm or corporation repossessing or  
19 retaking the same, shall also be given within twenty-four hours thereof  
20 to the owner of such motor vehicle or motorcycle, either personally or  
21 by registered or certified mail directed to such owner at his last-known  
22 address OR BY PHONE, E-MAIL OR TEXT MESSAGE PROVIDED THAT NOTICE IS ALSO  
23 GIVEN BY FIRST CLASS MAIL. Unless the motor vehicle or motorcycle can  
24 be repossessed or retaken without breach of the peace, it shall be  
25 repossessed or retaken by legal process, but nothing herein contained  
26 shall be construed to authorize a violation of the criminal law.  
27     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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