

# STATE OF NEW YORK

1543--A

2017-2018 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 10, 2017

Introduced by Sens. AVELLA, SQUADRON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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 and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to certain traffic-control indications; to amend chapter 746 of the laws of 1988 amending the vehicle and traffic law, the general municipal law and the public officers law, relating to the civil liability of vehicle owners for traffic control signal violations, in relation to making such provisions permanent; and to amend local law number 46 of the city of New York for the year 1989 amending the administrative code of the city of New York relating to civil liability of vehicle owners for traffic control signal violations, in relation to making such provisions permanent

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 1111-a of the  
2 vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 18 of the laws of 2009,  
3 is amended and a new paragraph 3 is added to read as follows:

4 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each city with a popu-  
5 lation of one million or more is hereby authorized and empowered to  
6 adopt and amend a local law or ordinance establishing a demonstration  
7 program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for fail-  
8 ure of an operator thereof to comply with traffic-control indications in  
9 such city in accordance with the provisions of this section. Such demon-  
10 stration program shall empower a city to install and operate traffic-  
11 control signal photo violation-monitoring devices at no more than [~~one~~  
12 two] hundred fifty intersections within such city at any one time.

13 3. Any city which has adopted a local law or ordinance pursuant to  
14 this subdivision shall install signs giving notice to motor vehicle  
15 operators that a traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring

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

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1 device is in use. Such advance warning signs shall state "Red Light  
2 Camera Ahead" and shall be mounted on advance warning signs no more than  
3 three hundred feet from every intersection where such traffic-control  
4 signal photo violation-monitoring devices are in use, in conformance  
5 with standards established in the manual on uniform traffic control  
6 devices.

7 § 2. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 19-210 of the adminis-  
8 trative code of the city of New York, as amended by chapter 18 of the  
9 laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

10 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the parking violations  
11 bureau is hereby authorized and empowered to establish a demonstration  
12 program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for fail-  
13 ure of an operator thereof to comply with traffic-control indications in  
14 accordance with the provisions of this section. The department of trans-  
15 portation, for purposes of implementation of such program, shall be  
16 authorized to install and operate traffic-control signal photo viola-  
17 tion-monitoring devices at no more than [~~one~~] two hundred fifty inter-  
18 sections at any one time.

19 § 3. Section 17 of chapter 746 of the laws of 1988 amending the vehi-  
20 cle and traffic law, the general municipal law and the public officers  
21 law, relating to the civil liability of vehicle owners for traffic  
22 control signal violations, as amended by chapter 134 of the laws of  
23 2014, is amended to read as follows:

24 § 17. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
25 have become a law [~~and shall remain in full force and effect until~~  
26 ~~December 1, 2019 when upon such date the amendments and provisions made~~  
27 ~~by this act shall be deemed repealed; provided, however, any such local~~  
28 ~~laws as may be enacted pursuant to this act shall remain in full force~~  
29 ~~and effect only until the expiration on December 1, 2019].~~

30 § 4. Section 2 of local law number 46 of the city of New York for the  
31 year 1989 amending the administrative code of the city of New York  
32 relating to civil liability of vehicle owners for traffic control signal  
33 violations, as amended by chapter 134 of the laws of 2014, is amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 § 2. This local law shall take effect immediately [~~and shall expire on~~  
36 ~~December 1, 2019].~~

37 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.