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Introduced by Sen. HELMING -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes -- recommitted to the Committee on Codes in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to establishing the crimes of persistent aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and persistent driving while intoxicated or while ability impaired by drugs, to increase the felony class of certain crimes related to the operation of a motor vehicle; to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to certain civil penalties and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; and to repeal certain provisions of the vehicle and traffic law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 270.40 to
2 read as follows:

3 § 270.40 Persistent aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

4 A person is guilty of the offense of persistent aggravated unlicensed
5 operation of a motor vehicle when such person: (1) commits the offense
6 of aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third
7 degree as defined in subdivision one of section five hundred eleven of
8 the vehicle and traffic law; and is operating a motor vehicle while
9 under permanent revocation as set forth in subparagraph twelve of para-
10 graph (b) of subdivision two of section eleven hundred ninety-three of
11 the vehicle and traffic law; or (2) operates a motor vehicle upon a
12 public highway while holding a conditional license issued pursuant to
13 paragraph (a) of subdivision seven of section eleven hundred ninety-six
14 of the vehicle and traffic law while under the influence of alcohol or a
15 drug in violation of subdivision one, two, two-a, three, four, four-a or

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

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1 five of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic
2 law.

3 Persistent aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle is a
4 class D felony.

5 § 2. Subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of
6 section 511 of the vehicle and traffic law are REPEALED.

7 § 3. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 270.45 to read
8 as follows:

9 § 270.45 Persistent driving while intoxicated or while ability impaired
10 by drugs.

11 A person is guilty of the offense of persistent driving while intoxi-
12 cated or while ability impaired by drugs when such person operates a
13 vehicle in violation of subdivision two, two-a, three, four or four-a of
14 section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law after
15 having been convicted of any violation of subdivision two, two-a, three,
16 four or four-a of such section or of vehicular assault in the second or
17 first degree, as defined, respectively, in sections 120.03 and 120.04 of
18 this part and aggravated vehicular assault as defined in section
19 120.04-a of this part or of vehicular manslaughter in the second or
20 first degree, as defined, respectively, in sections 125.12 and 125.13
21 and aggravated vehicular homicide as defined in section 125.14 of this
22 part, on three or more occasions, within the preceding fifteen years or
23 any combination of three or more of the offenses set forth in this
24 section within the preceding fifteen years.

25 Persistent driving while intoxicated or while ability impaired by
26 drugs is a class C felony.

27 § 4. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph (d) of subdivision 2 of section 1194
28 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 732 of the laws of
29 2006, is amended to read as follows:

30 (2) Civil penalties. Except as otherwise provided, any person whose
31 license, permit to drive, or any non-resident operating privilege is
32 revoked pursuant to the provisions of this section shall also be liable
33 for a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars except that if
34 such revocation is a second or subsequent revocation pursuant to this
35 section issued within a five year period, or such person has been
36 convicted of a violation of any subdivision of section eleven hundred
37 ninety-two of this article within the past five years not arising out of
38 the same incident, the civil penalty shall be in the amount of [~~seven~~
39 ~~hundred fifty~~] one thousand dollars. Any person whose license is revoked
40 pursuant to the provisions of this section based upon a finding of
41 refusal to submit to a chemical test while operating a commercial motor
42 vehicle shall also be liable for a civil penalty of five hundred fifty
43 dollars except that if such person has previously been found to have
44 refused a chemical test pursuant to this section while operating a
45 commercial motor vehicle or has a prior conviction of any of the follow-
46 ing offenses while operating a commercial motor vehicle: any violation
47 of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article; any violation of
48 subdivision two of section six hundred of this chapter; or has a prior
49 conviction of any felony involving the use of a commercial motor vehicle
50 pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section five hundred
51 ten-a of this chapter, then the civil penalty shall be [~~seven hundred~~
52 ~~fifty~~] one thousand dollars. No new driver's license or permit shall be
53 issued, or non-resident operating privilege restored to such person
54 unless such penalty has been paid. All penalties collected by the
55 department pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be the prop-

erty of the state and shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury.

§ 5. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 511 of the vehicle and traffic law, as separately amended by chapters 786 and 892 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the first degree is a class E felony. When a person is convicted of this crime, the sentence of the court must be: (i) a fine in an amount not less than ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars; and (ii) a term of imprisonment as provided in the penal law, or (iii) where appropriate and a term of imprisonment is not required by the penal law, a sentence of probation as provided in subdivision six of this section, or (iv) a term of imprisonment as a condition of a sentence of probation as provided in the penal law.

§ 6. Clauses (b), (c), (d) and (e) of subparagraph 12 of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 1193 of the vehicle and traffic law are REPEALED and clause (f) is relettered clause (b).

§ 7. The closing paragraph of section 125.13 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 496 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

Vehicular manslaughter in the first degree is a class ~~E~~ B felony.

§ 8. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 70.02 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 368 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Class B violent felony offenses: an attempt to commit the class A-I felonies of murder in the second degree as defined in section 125.25, kidnapping in the first degree as defined in section 135.25, and arson in the first degree as defined in section 150.20; manslaughter in the first degree as defined in section 125.20, aggravated manslaughter in the first degree as defined in section 125.22, rape in the first degree as defined in section 130.35, criminal sexual act in the first degree as defined in section 130.50, aggravated sexual abuse in the first degree as defined in section 130.70, course of sexual conduct against a child in the first degree as defined in section 130.75; assault in the first degree as defined in section 120.10, kidnapping in the second degree as defined in section 135.20, burglary in the first degree as defined in section 140.30, arson in the second degree as defined in section 150.15, robbery in the first degree as defined in section 160.15, sex trafficking as defined in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision five of section 230.34, incest in the first degree as defined in section 255.27, criminal possession of a weapon in the first degree as defined in section 265.04, criminal use of a firearm in the first degree as defined in section 265.09, criminal sale of a firearm in the first degree as defined in section 265.13, aggravated assault upon a police officer or a peace officer as defined in section 120.11, gang assault in the first degree as defined in section 120.07, aggravated vehicular homicide as defined in section 125.14, intimidating a victim or witness in the first degree as defined in section 215.17, hindering prosecution of terrorism in the first degree as defined in section 490.35, criminal possession of a chemical weapon or biological weapon in the second degree as defined in section 490.40, and criminal use of a chemical weapon or biological weapon in the third degree as defined in section 490.47.

§ 9. The closing paragraph of section 120.03 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 732 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

1 Vehicular assault in the second degree is a class [~~E~~] **D** felony.
2 § 10. The closing paragraph of section 120.04 of the penal law, as
3 amended by chapter 496 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as
4 follows:
5 Vehicular assault in the first degree is a class [~~D~~] **C** felony.
6 § 11. The closing paragraph of section 120.04-a of the penal law, as
7 amended by chapter 496 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as
8 follows:
9 Aggravated vehicular assault is a class [~~C~~] **B** felony.
10 § 12. This act shall take effect on the first of November next
11 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.