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Introduced by M. of A. LENTOL, CYMBROWITZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BUCHWALD, CUSICK, DE LA ROSA, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to leaving the scene of an incident without reporting

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision 2 of section 600 of the vehicle
2 and traffic law, as amended by section 4 of part AAA of chapter 59 of
3 the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:
4 c. A violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision
5 resulting solely from the failure of an operator to exhibit his or her
6 license and insurance identification card for the vehicle or exchange
7 the information required in such paragraph shall constitute a class B
8 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty nor
9 more than five hundred dollars in addition to any other penalties
10 provided by law. Any subsequent such violation shall constitute a class
11 A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred nor
12 more than one thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties
13 provided by law. Any violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this
14 subdivision, other than for the mere failure of an operator to exhibit
15 his or her license and insurance identification card for such vehicle or
16 exchange the information required in such paragraph, shall constitute a
17 class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred
18 dollars nor more than one thousand dollars in addition to any other
19 penalties provided by law. Any such violation committed by a person
20 after such person has previously been convicted of such a violation
21 shall constitute a class E felony, punishable by a fine of not less than

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

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1 one thousand nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars in addition
2 to any other penalties provided by law. Any violation of the provisions
3 of paragraph a of this subdivision, other than for the mere failure of
4 an operator to exhibit his or her license and insurance identification
5 card for such vehicle or exchange the information required in such para-
6 graph, where the personal injury involved (i) results in serious phys-
7 ical injury, as defined in section 10.00 of the penal law, shall consti-
8 tute a class E felony, punishable by a fine of not less than one
9 thousand five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars in addition to
10 any other penalties provided by law, or (ii) results in death shall
11 constitute a class D felony punishable by a fine of not less than two
12 thousand five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars in addition to
13 any other penalties provided by law.

14 § 2. The governor's traffic safety committee, with the cooperation of
15 the departments of motor vehicles, transportation and health, division
16 of state police, division of criminal justice services, and any other
17 department, division, board, bureau, commission, agency or public
18 authority of the state or any political subdivision thereof deemed
19 necessary by the committee, shall develop and implement a public
20 outreach campaign to inform the general public with regard to the statu-
21 tory changes made by this act, of the consequences and costs of leaving
22 the scene of a serious physical injury or fatal crash to victims and to
23 drivers, and of the impact that remaining at the scene of a crash can
24 have on victim survival and recovery rates. The departments of motor
25 vehicles, transportation and health, division of state police, division
26 of criminal justice services, and any department, division, board,
27 bureau, commission, agency, or public authority of the state or any
28 political subdivision thereof deemed necessary by the governor's traffic
29 safety committee, shall cooperate to the furthest extent possible in the
30 development and implementation of this campaign.

31 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
32 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
33 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
34 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
35 completed on or before such effective date.