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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CROUCH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. MONTESA-NO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to increasing the fine imposed upon any person who unlawfully possesses an alcoholic beverage

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 65-c of the alcoholic beverage 2 control law, as amended by chapter 137 of the laws of 2001, is amended 3 to read as follows:

4 3. Any person who unlawfully possesses an alcoholic beverage with intent to consume may be summoned before and examined by a court having 5 jurisdiction of that charge; provided, however, that nothing contained б 7 herein shall authorize, or be construed to authorize, a peace officer as 8 defined in subdivision thirty-three of section 1.20 of the criminal 9 procedure law or a police officer as defined in subdivision thirty-four 10 of section 1.20 of such law to arrest a person who unlawfully possesses 11 an alcoholic beverage with intent to consume. If a determination is made 12 sustaining such charge the court may impose a fine of not less than two 13 hundred fifty dollars and not exceeding [fifty] five hundred dollars 14 [and/or] for the first offense and not less than five hundred dollars 15 and not exceeding one thousand dollars for all subsequent offenses and, 16 in addition to such fine, the court shall require the completion of an alcohol awareness program established pursuant to section 19.25 of the 17 mental hygiene law and/or an appropriate amount of community service not 18 19 to exceed thirty hours.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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