

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to increasing the penalties for operating a snowmobile while intoxicated

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (b) and (e) of subdivision 1 of section 25.24 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, paragraphs (a) and (b) as amended by chapter 311 of the laws of 2007 and paragraph (e) as added by chapter 629 of the laws of 1998, are amended to read as follows:

(a) No person shall operate a snowmobile upon a street, highway, public trails, lands, bodies of water, or private property of another while his or her ability to operate such snowmobile is impaired by the consumption of alcohol. (1) A violation of this subdivision shall be an offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars nor more than three hundred fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in a penitentiary or county jail for not more than fifteen days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (2) A person who operates a snowmobile in violation of this subdivision after being convicted of a violation of any subdivision of this section within the preceding five years shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than fifteen hundred dollars, or by imprisonment of not more than thirty days in a penitentiary or county jail or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(b) (1) No such person shall operate a snowmobile upon a street, highway, public trails, lands, bodies of water, or private property of another while he or she has .08 of one per centum or more by weight of alcohol in his or her blood, breath, urine, or saliva, as determined by the chemical test made pursuant to the provisions of subdivision six of this section.

(2) No such person shall operate a snowmobile upon a street, highway, public trails, lands, bodies of water, or private property of another

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

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1 while he or she has .16 of one per centum or more by weight of alcohol  
2 in his or her blood, breath, urine, or saliva, as determined by the  
3 chemical test made pursuant to the provisions of subdivision six of this  
4 section.

5 (e) (1) A violation of subparagraph one of paragraph (b), or paragraph  
6 (c)[7] or (d) of this subdivision shall be a misdemeanor and shall be  
7 punishable by imprisonment in a penitentiary or county jail for not more  
8 than ninety days, or by a fine of not less than three hundred fifty  
9 dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by both such fine and  
10 imprisonment.

11 (2) A person who operates a snowmobile in violation of subparagraph  
12 one of paragraph (b), or paragraph (c)[7] or (d) of this subdivision  
13 after having been convicted of a violation of subparagraph one of para-  
14 graph (b), or paragraph (c)[7] or (d) of this subdivision, or of operat-  
15 ing a snowmobile while intoxicated or while under the influence of  
16 drugs, within the preceding ten years, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor  
17 and shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by  
18 a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than fifteen  
19 hundred dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

20 (3) A person who operates a snowmobile in violation of subparagraph  
21 one of paragraph (b), or paragraph (c)[7] or (d) of this subdivision  
22 after having been twice convicted of a violation of subparagraph one of  
23 paragraph (b), or paragraph (c)[7] or (d) of this subdivision, or of  
24 operating a snowmobile while intoxicated or under the influence of  
25 drugs, within the preceding ten years, shall be guilty of a class E  
26 felony and shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred  
27 dollars nor more than five thousand dollars or by a period of imprison-  
28 ment as provided in the penal law, or by both such fine and imprison-  
29 ment.

30 (4) (i) A violation of subparagraph two of paragraph (b) of this  
31 subdivision shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by imprison-  
32 ment in a penitentiary or county jail for not more than one hundred  
33 eighty days, or by a fine of not less than seven hundred dollars nor  
34 more than one thousand dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

35 (ii) A person who operates a snowmobile in violation of subparagraph  
36 two of paragraph (b) of this subdivision after having been convicted of  
37 a violation of subparagraph one or two of paragraph (b), or paragraph  
38 (c) or (d) of this subdivision, or of operating a snowmobile while  
39 intoxicated or while under the influence of drugs, within the preceding  
40 ten years, shall be guilty of a class E felony and shall be punished by  
41 a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than three thou-  
42 sand dollars or by a period of imprisonment as provided in the penal  
43 law, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

44 (iii) A person who operates a snowmobile in violation of subparagraph  
45 two of paragraph (b) of this subdivision after having been twice  
46 convicted of a violation of subparagraph one or two of paragraph (b), or  
47 paragraph (c) or (d) of this subdivision, or of operating a snowmobile  
48 while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs, within the preceding  
49 ten years, shall be guilty of a class D felony and shall be punished by  
50 a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand  
51 dollars or by a period of imprisonment as provided in the penal law, or  
52 by both such fine and imprisonment.

53 § 2. Section 25.24 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation  
54 law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4-a to read as follows:

55 4-a. Sentencing; previous convictions. When sentencing a person for a  
56 violation of paragraph (b), (c) or (d) of subdivision one of this

section pursuant to subparagraph two or three, or clause (ii) or (iii) of subparagraph four of paragraph (e) of subdivision one of this section, the court shall consider any prior convictions the person may have for a violation of subdivision two, two-a, three, four or four-a of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law or subdivision two of section forty-nine-a of the navigation law within the preceding ten years. When sentencing a person for a violation of subparagraph two of paragraph (a) of subdivision one of this section, the court shall consider any prior convictions the person may have for a violation of any subdivision of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law or subdivision two of section forty-nine-a of the navigation law within the preceding five years.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.