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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, SANTABARBARA, FAHY, M. G. MILLER, TAYLOR, THIELE, ARROYO, D'URSO, DE LA ROSA, BLAKE, GOTTFRIED, ABBATE, WILLIAMS, MOSLEY, COOK, CRUZ, GRIFFIN, SMULLEN, WALSH, McDONOUGH, FALL, STECK, WEPRIN, BUTTENSCHON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. DeSTEFANO, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the installation of safety belts in stretch limousines, and the posting of notice therein

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 383 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 86 of the laws of 1968, is amended and a new paragraph (d) is added to read as follows:

(c) A motor vehicle manufactured or assembled on or after January first, nineteen hundred sixty-eight, at least one safety belt for each passenger seat position[~~.~~]**;**

(d) An altered motor vehicle commonly referred to as a "stretch limousine" which was altered on or after January first, two thousand twenty-one, at least two safety belts for the front seat, and at least one safety belt for the rear seat for each passenger for which the rear seat of such vehicle was designed, and at least one safety belt for each passenger seat position.

§ 2. Section 383 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

1-a. No altered motor vehicle commonly referred to as a "stretch limousine" which was altered prior to January first, two thousand twenty-one shall be sold or registered in this state and no such altered

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

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motor vehicle altered prior to January first, two thousand twenty-one registered in this state shall be operated in this state unless such vehicle is retrofitted and equipped with safety belts approved by and conforming to standards established by the commissioner as follows: at least two safety belts for the front seat, and at least one safety belt for the rear seat for each passenger for which the rear seat of such vehicle was designed, and at least one safety belt for each passenger seat position.

§ 3. Subdivision 4-b of section 383 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 495 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

4-b. Taxicabs [~~and~~], liveries**, and stretch limousines**. All seat safety belts installed in a taxicab or livery vehicle **or in an altered motor vehicle commonly referred to as a "stretch limousine"** pursuant to this section shall be clearly visible, accessible and maintained in good working order, and no seat safety belt installed in such taxicab or livery vehicle **or altered motor vehicle** shall be removed therefrom.

§ 4. Subdivision 51 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 495 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

51. Taxicab [~~and~~], livery **and stretch limousine** notices. (a) Every taxicab [~~and~~], livery**, and altered motor vehicle commonly referred to as a "stretch limousine" which was altered on or after January first, two thousand twenty-one or retrofitted pursuant to subdivision one-a of section three hundred eighty-three of this article** registered in this state shall have posted therein the following notice: "Seatbelts must be available for your use. Please buckle up."

(b) The notices required to be posted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall be posted in a manner legible and conspicuous to passengers in all seating positions of such vehicles.

§ 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021; provided, however, that section two of this act shall take effect two years after this act shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.