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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.