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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. AKSHAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT directing the commissioner of motor vehicles to conduct a study on the distribution of traffic fines

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

1 Section 1. The commissioner of motor vehicles shall conduct a study in  
2 cooperation and consultation with the New York State Association of  
3 Towns, the New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials, and  
4 the New York State Magistrates Association relating to the disposition  
5 of fines and penalties as provided in section 1803 of the vehicle and  
6 traffic law. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, an exam-  
7 ination of the distribution of fine revenue according to the jurisdic-  
8 tion over the highway where a violation occurred, the statute violated,  
9 whether the statute violated is a state law or a local ordinance, and  
10 the annual per capita monetary cap on revenues applicable to villages  
11 and suburban towns. In conducting this study, such commissioner shall  
12 examine particularly the fairness of the current law as it relates to  
13 the disposition of fines collected for violations under title 7 of the  
14 vehicle and traffic law, with special attention given to violations of  
15 section 1180 of the vehicle and traffic law.

16 § 2. Upon completion of the study but no later than the thirty-first  
17 of December next succeeding the date on which this act shall have become  
18 a law, the commissioner of motor vehicles shall submit a report based on  
19 the findings of the study to the governor, the temporary president of  
20 the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the  
21 senate, the minority leader of the assembly, the chair of the senate  
22 transportation committee, and the chair of the assembly transportation  
23 committee which shall include the findings of the study as well as  
24 recommendations for statutory changes that may be implemented in order

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

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1 to ensure a more equitable distribution of revenue for violations of  
2 title 7 of the vehicle and traffic law, with special attention given to  
3 violations of section 1180 of the vehicle and traffic law.  
4 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
5 have become a law.