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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the punishment for certain traffic infractions committed by an operator of a stretch limousine or other motor carrier designed or modified for purposes of having a seating capacity of nine or more passengers

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision c of section 1161 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as added by section 14 of part III of chapter 59 of the laws of
3 2019, is amended to read as follows:

4 c. (i) No altered motor vehicle commonly referred to as a "stretch
5 limousine" or other motor carrier designed or modified for purposes of
6 having a seating capacity of [~~ten~~ nine] or more passengers including the
7 driver shall make a U-turn upon any public highway or private road open
8 to public motor vehicle traffic.

9 (ii) A violation of paragraph (i) of this subdivision shall be a traf-
10 fic infraction, punishable by no less than two hundred fifty dollars or
11 by imprisonment in a penitentiary or county jail for not more than
12 fifteen days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. If the operator
13 violates paragraph (i) of this subdivision while carrying one or more
14 passengers other than the driver, such violation shall be punishable by
15 not less than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a penitentiary
16 for not more than thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. A
17 person who operates a vehicle in violation of paragraph (i) of this
18 subdivision after having been convicted of one or more violations of
19 such paragraph within the preceding eighteen months shall be punished by
20 a fine of not less than one thousand dollars and not more than two thou-

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

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1 sand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or by
2 both such fine and imprisonment.

3 § 2. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (b) of section 1800 of the vehicle and
4 traffic law, as amended by chapter 574 of the laws of 2006, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 1. Every person convicted of a traffic infraction for a violation of
7 any of the provisions of this chapter or of any ordinance, order, rule
8 or regulation adopted pursuant to section sixteen hundred thirty or
9 sixteen hundred thirty-one of this chapter for which another penalty is
10 not provided shall for a first conviction thereof be punished by a fine
11 of not more than one hundred fifty dollars or by imprisonment for not
12 more than fifteen days or by both such fine and imprisonment; for a
13 conviction of a second violation, both of which were committed within a
14 period of eighteen months, such person shall be punished by a fine of
15 not more than three hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than
16 forty-five days or by both such fine and imprisonment; upon a conviction
17 of a third or subsequent violation, all of which were committed within a
18 period of eighteen months, such person shall be punished by a fine of
19 not more than four hundred fifty dollars or by imprisonment for not more
20 than ninety days or by both such fine and imprisonment, except that a
21 person convicted of a traffic infraction for a violation of paragraph
22 one of subdivision (d) of section one thousand one hundred eleven of
23 this chapter outside of a city having a population of one million or
24 more shall, for a first conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not
25 less than seventy-five dollars nor more than two hundred twenty-five
26 dollars or by imprisonment for not more than fifteen days or by both
27 such fine and imprisonment; for a conviction of a second violation, both
28 of which were committed within a period of eighteen months, such person
29 shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred fifty dollars
30 nor more than three hundred seventy-five dollars or by imprisonment for
31 not more than forty-five days or by both such fine and imprisonment;
32 upon a conviction of a third or subsequent violation, all of which were
33 committed within a period of eighteen months, such person shall be
34 punished by a fine of not less than three hundred seventy-five dollars
35 nor more than six hundred seventy-five dollars or by imprisonment for
36 not more than ninety days or by both such fine and imprisonment except
37 that a person convicted for a violation of paragraph one of subdivision
38 (d) of section one thousand one hundred eleven of this chapter shall,
39 for a first conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than
40 one hundred fifty dollars nor more than four hundred fifty dollars or by
41 imprisonment for not more than fifteen days or by both such fine and
42 imprisonment; for a conviction of a second violation, both of which were
43 committed within a period of eighteen months, such person shall be
44 punished by a fine of not less than three hundred dollars nor more than
45 seven hundred fifty dollars or by imprisonment for not more than forty-
46 five days or by both such fine and imprisonment; upon a conviction of a
47 third or subsequent violation, all of which were committed within a
48 period of eighteen months, such person shall be punished by a fine of
49 not less than seven hundred fifty dollars nor more than one thousand
50 five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days or
51 by both such fine and imprisonment. Provided, however, that a violation
52 of paragraph one of subdivision (d) of section one thousand one hundred
53 eleven of this chapter shall, for a first conviction thereof, be
54 punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars or by
55 imprisonment for not more than fifteen days, or by both such fine and
56 imprisonment if the operator is operating an altered motor vehicle

1 commonly referred to as a "stretch limousine" or other motor carrier
2 designed or modified for purposes of having a seating capacity of nine
3 or more passengers including the driver; provided further, however, that
4 a violation of such subdivision if the operator is operating an altered
5 motor vehicle commonly referred to as a "stretch limousine" or other
6 motor carrier designed or modified for purposes of having a seating
7 capacity of nine or more passengers while carrying one or more passen-
8 gers other than the driver shall, for a first conviction thereof, be
9 punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars or by imprison-
10 ment for not more than thirty days, or by both such fine and imprison-
11 ment and for a conviction of a second violation, both of which were
12 committed within a period of eighteen months, an operator shall be
13 punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars and not more
14 than two thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than ninety
15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment if the operator is operating
16 an altered motor vehicle commonly referred to as a "stretch limousine"
17 or other motor carrier designed or modified for purposes of having a
18 seating capacity of nine or more passengers including the driver.

19 § 3. Paragraph 5 of subdivision (h) of section 1180 of the vehicle and
20 traffic law, as amended by section 8 of part C of chapter 62 of the laws
21 of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

22 5. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subdivision, the
23 maximum fine provided herein for the violation for which the person is
24 sentenced may be increased by an additional one hundred fifty dollars if
25 the conviction is for a second violation of any subdivision of this
26 section where both violations were committed within an eighteen month
27 period or where the conviction is for a first violation of any subdivi-
28 sion of this section in which the operator was operating an altered
29 motor vehicle commonly referred to as a "stretch limousine" or other
30 motor carrier designed or modified for purposes of having a seating
31 capacity of nine or more passengers while carrying one or more passen-
32 gers other than the driver, and the maximum fine provided herein for the
33 violation for which the person is sentenced may be increased by an addi-
34 tional three hundred seventy-five dollars if the conviction is for a
35 third or subsequent violation of any subdivision of this section where
36 all such violations were committed within an eighteen month period or
37 where the conviction is for a second or subsequent violation of any
38 subdivision of this section in which the operator was operating an
39 altered motor vehicle commonly referred to as a "stretch limousine" or
40 other motor carrier designed or modified for purposes of having a seat-
41 ing capacity of nine or more passengers while carrying one or more
42 passengers other than the driver. Where an additional fine is provided
43 by this paragraph, a sentence of imprisonment for not more than thirty
44 days may be imposed in place of or in addition to any fine imposed.

45 § 4. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
46 law; provided, however that if part III of chapter 59 of the laws of
47 2019 shall not have taken effect on or before such date, then section
48 one of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
49 manner as such part of chapter 59 of the laws of 2019 takes effect.