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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. KENNEDY, BRESLIN, CARLUCCI, GAUGHRAN, KAPLAN, LIU, PARKER, TEDISCO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first report, amended on first report, ordered to a second report and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of second report -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- 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 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:

1 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:

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3 (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[~~-~~];

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6 (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.

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

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15 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

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

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

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

11 4-b. Taxicabs [~~and~~], liveries, and stretch limousines. All seat safe-
12 ty belts installed in a taxicab or livery vehicle or in an altered motor
13 vehicle commonly referred to as a "stretch limousine" pursuant to this
14 section shall be clearly visible, accessible and maintained in good
15 working order, and no seat safety belt installed in such taxicab or
16 livery vehicle or altered motor vehicle shall be removed therefrom.

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

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

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

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