STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 10, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to providing penalties for the intentional violation of the open meetings law

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

Section 1. Section 107 of the public officers law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. Any member of a public body who participates in a meeting with the intent and purpose by that member of violating this article is hereby guilty of an offense. Such offense shall be punishable by a fine of not less than three hundred fifty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for conviction of a first offense. Said offense shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars for conviction of a second offense or subsequent offense. Upon conviction, said member of a public body shall also be liable for the costs of prosecution. The state or any public corporation for the public body shall not make a payment on behalf of or reimburse a member of a public body for a fine or cost resulting from the member's violation of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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