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Introduced by M. of A. JEAN-PIERRE, ENGLEBRIGHT, DICKENS, GRIFFIN, STIRPE, D. ROSENTHAL, SMITH, DeSTEFANO, McDONOUGH, THIELE, RA, STERN, GOTTFRIED, MONTESANO, WOERNER, B. MILLER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. MIKULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the navigation law and the penal law, in relation to operating a vessel while intoxicated when a child who is fifteen years of age or less is a passenger in such vessel

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 49-a of the navigation law is amended by adding two new paragraphs (e-1) and (g) to read as follows:

(e-1) No person shall operate a vessel in violation of paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of this subdivision while a child who is fifteen years of age or less is a passenger in such vessel.

(g) Where a law enforcement officer alleges a violation of paragraph (e-1) of this subdivision and the operator of the vessel is a parent, guardian, custodian of, or other person legally responsible for, a child who is fifteen years of age or less who is a passenger in such vessel, such officer shall report or cause a report to be made in accordance with title six of article six of the social services law, if applicable.

§ 2. Subparagraphs 2 and 3 of paragraph (f) of subdivision 2 and subdivision 5-a of section 49-a of the navigation law, as amended by and subdivision 5-a as added by chapter 239 of the laws of 2016, are amended to read as follows:

(2) A person who operates a vessel in violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this subdivision after having been convicted of a violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this subdivision, or of operating a vessel or public vessel while intoxicated or while under the influence of drugs, within the preceding ten years, **or a person**

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

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convicted of a violation of paragraph (e-1) of this subdivision, shall be guilty of a class E felony and shall be punished by a period of imprisonment as provided in the penal law, or by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (3) A person who operates a vessel in violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this subdivision after having been twice convicted of a violation of any of such paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this subdivision or of operating a vessel or public vessel while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs, within the preceding ten years, **or a person convicted of a violation of paragraph (e-1) of this subdivision after having been convicted of a violation of such paragraph within the preceding ten years,** shall be guilty of a class D felony and shall be punished by a fine of not less than two thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars or by a period of imprisonment as provided in the penal law, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

5-a. Sentencing; previous convictions. When sentencing a person for a violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) [~~or~~], (e) **or (e-1)** of subdivision two of this section pursuant to subparagraph two of paragraph (f) of subdivision two of this section, the court shall consider any prior convictions the person may have for a violation of subdivision two, two-a, three, four, or four-a of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law within the preceding ten years. When sentencing a person for a violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) [~~or~~], (e) **or (e-1)** of subdivision two of this section pursuant to subparagraph three of paragraph (f) of subdivision two of this section, the court shall consider any prior convictions the person may have for a violation of subdivision two, two-a, three, four, or four-a of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law within the preceding ten years. When sentencing a person for a violation of subparagraph two of paragraph (a) of subdivision two of this section, the court shall consider any prior convictions the person may have for a violation of any subdivision of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law within the preceding five years. When sentencing a person for a violation of subparagraph three of paragraph (a) of subdivision two of this section, the court shall consider any prior convictions the person may have for a violation of any subdivision of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law within the preceding ten years.

§ 3. Subparagraph 3 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 3, subdivision 5 and paragraph (a) of subdivision 7 of section 49-a of the navigation law, as added by chapter 805 of the laws of 1992, are amended to read as follows:

(3) a period of twenty-four months where a person is convicted of a violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e) of subdivision two of this section after having been convicted of a violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e) of subdivision two of this section or of operating a vessel or public vessel while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs within the preceding ten years**, or a person convicted of a violation of paragraph (e-1) of subdivision two of this section**.

5. Sentencing limitations. Notwithstanding any provision of the penal law, no judge or magistrate shall impose a sentence of unconditional discharge for a violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) [~~or~~], (e) **or (e-1)** of subdivision two of this section nor shall he or she impose a sentence of conditional discharge unless such conditional discharge is accompanied by a sentence of a fine as provided in this section.

(a) Any person who operates a vessel on the waters of the state shall be requested to consent to a chemical test of one or more of the following: breath, blood, urine, or saliva for the purpose of determining the alcoholic or drug content of his blood, provided that such test is administered at the direction of a police officer: (1) having reasonable cause to believe such person to have been operating in violation of this subdivision or paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d) [~~or~~], (e) **or (e-1)** of subdivision two of this section and within two hours after such person has been placed under arrest for any such violation or (2) within two hours after a breath test as provided in paragraph (b) of subdivision six of this section indicates that alcohol has been consumed by such person and in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the police force of which the officer is a member.

§ 4. Subdivision 1 of section 120.03 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 732 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

(1) operates a motor vehicle in violation of subdivision two, three, four or four-a of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law or operates a vessel or public vessel in violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) [~~or~~], (e) **or (e-1)** of subdivision two of section forty-nine-a of the navigation law, and as a result of such intoxication or impairment by the use of a drug, or by the combined influence of drugs or of alcohol and any drug or drugs, operates such motor vehicle, vessel or public vessel in a manner that causes such serious physical injury to such other person, or

§ 5. Subdivision 6 of section 120.04 of the penal law, as added by chapter 496 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(6) commits such crime while operating a motor vehicle **or vessel** while a child who is fifteen years of age or less is a passenger in such motor vehicle **or vessel** and causes serious physical injury to such child.

§ 6. Subdivision 1 of section 125.12 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 732 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

(1) operates a motor vehicle in violation of subdivision two, three, four or four-a of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law or operates a vessel or public vessel in violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) [~~or~~], (e) **or (e-1)** of subdivision two of section forty-nine-a of the navigation law, and as a result of such intoxication or impairment by the use of a drug, or by the combined influence of drugs or of alcohol and any drug or drugs, operates such motor vehicle, vessel or public vessel in a manner that causes the death of such other person, or

§ 7. Subdivision 6 of section 125.13 of the penal law, as added by chapter 496 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(6) commits such crime while operating a motor vehicle **or vessel** while a child who is fifteen years of age or less is a passenger in such motor vehicle **or vessel** and causes the death of such child.

§ 8. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.