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Introduced by M. of A. MAGNARELLI, DINOWITZ, McDONALD, ENGLEBRIGHT, CYMBROWITZ, SIMON, SILLITTI, THIELE, GALLAGHER, GALEF, BUTTENSCHON, ABBATE, JACOBSON, LAVINE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- reported and referred to the Committee on Codes -advanced to a third reading, passed by Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote reconsidered, bill amended, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to penalties for purposefully obstructed license plates

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 8 of section 402 of the vehicle and traffic law, paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 109 of the laws of 2005, and subdivision 8 as amended by chapter 61 of the laws of 1989 and as renumbered by chapter 648 of the laws of 2006, are amended to read as follows:

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- (b) (i) Number plates shall be kept clean and in a condition so as to be easily readable and shall not be covered by glass or any plastic material[, and].
- (ii) Number plates shall not be knowingly covered or coated with any 10 artificial or synthetic material or substance that conceals or obscures such number plates or that distorts a recorded or photographic image of 11 such number plates[, and the]. 12
- (iii) The view of such number plates shall not be obstructed by any 14 part of the vehicle or by anything carried thereon, except for a receiver-transmitter issued by a publicly owned tolling facility in connection 16 with electronic toll collection when such receiver-transmitter is affixed to the exterior of a vehicle in accordance with mounting 18 instructions provided by the tolling facility.
- 19 8. [The] A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of 20 not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars, except that

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

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- 1 <u>a violation of subparagraph (ii) or subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (b)</u>
 2 <u>of subdivision one of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not</u>
- 3 <u>less than fifty nor more than three hundred dollars</u>.
- § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-5 ing the date upon which it shall have become a law.