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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

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 Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 8 of section
2 402 of the vehicle and traffic law, paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 as
3 amended by chapter 109 of the laws of 2005, and subdivision 8 as amended
4 by chapter 61 of the laws of 1989 and as renumbered by chapter 648 of
5 the laws of 2006, are amended to read as follows:

6 (b) (i) Number plates shall be kept clean and in a condition so as to
7 be easily readable and shall not be covered by glass or any plastic
8 material~~[, and]~~.

9 (ii) Number plates shall not be knowingly covered or coated with any
10 artificial or synthetic material or substance that conceals or obscures
11 such number plates or that distorts a recorded or photographic image of
12 such number plates~~[, and the]~~.

13 (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-
15 transmitter issued by a publicly owned tolling facility in connection
16 with electronic toll collection when such receiver-transmitter is
17 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
21 a violation of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of
22 this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five
23 nor more than three hundred dollars.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
25 ing the date upon 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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