

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 11, 2022

Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- 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 increasing penalties for leaving the scene of an accident without reporting

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision 2 of section 600 of the vehicle
2 and traffic law, as amended by section 4 of part AAA of chapter 59 of
3 the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

4 c. A violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision
5 resulting solely from the failure of an operator to exhibit his or her
6 license and insurance identification card for the vehicle or exchange
7 the information required in such paragraph shall constitute a class B
8 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty nor
9 more than five hundred dollars in addition to any other penalties
10 provided by law. Any subsequent such violation shall constitute a class
11 A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred nor
12 more than one thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties
13 provided by law. Any violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this
14 subdivision, other than for the mere failure of an operator to exhibit
15 his or her license and insurance identification card for such vehicle or
16 exchange the information required in such paragraph, shall constitute a
17 class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than [~~five~~
18 ~~hundred~~] seven hundred fifty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars
19 in addition to any other penalties provided by law. Any such violation
20 committed by a person after such person has previously been convicted of
21 such a violation shall constitute a class E felony, punishable by a fine
22 of not less than one thousand nor more than [~~two~~] three thousand [~~five~~
23 ~~hundred~~] dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law. Any
24 violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision, other
25 than for the mere failure of an operator to exhibit his or her license
26 and insurance identification card for such vehicle or exchange the
27 information required in such paragraph, where the personal injury
28 involved (i) results in serious physical injury, as defined in section

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

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1 10.00 of the penal law, shall constitute a class E felony, punishable by
2 a fine of not less than one thousand nor more than five thousand dollars
3 in addition to any other penalties provided by law, or (ii) results in
4 death shall constitute a class D felony punishable by a fine of not less
5 than two thousand nor more than five thousand dollars in addition to any
6 other penalties provided by law.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
8 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.