STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 2, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. MAGNARELLI -- read once and referred 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 incident without reporting

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Seth's law".

§ 2. Paragraph c of subdivision 2 of section 600 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 497 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

c. A violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision resulting solely from the failure of an operator to exhibit his or her license and insurance identification card for the vehicle or exchange the information required in such paragraph shall constitute a class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty nor more than five hundred dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law. Any subsequent such violation shall constitute a class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law. Any violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision, other than for the mere failure of an operator to exhibit his or her license and insurance identification card for such vehicle or exchange the information required in such paragraph, shall constitute a class [~~A misdemeanor~~] **E felony**, punishable by a fine of not less than [~~seven hundred fifty~~] **one thousand** dollars nor more than one thousand **five hundred** dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law. Any such violation committed by a person after such person has previously been convicted of such a violation shall constitute a class [~~E~~] **D** felony, punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand **five hundred** nor more than three thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties

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

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provided by law. Any violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision, other than for the mere failure of an operator to exhibit his or her license and insurance identification card for such vehicle or exchange the information required in such paragraph, where the personal injury involved (i) results in serious physical injury, as defined in section 10.00 of the penal law, shall constitute a class [~~E~~] **D** felony, punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand **five hundred** nor more than five thousand **five hundred** dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law, or (ii) results in death shall constitute a class [~~D~~] **C** felony punishable by a fine of not less than two thousand **five hundred** nor more than five thousand **five hundred** dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law.

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