

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

April 3, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. DiPIETRO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to political use of state aircraft by certain state officers and employees

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 18 of section 73 of the public officers law, as
2 amended by section 5 of part CC of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, is
3 renumbered subdivision 19 and amended and a new subdivision 18 is added
4 to read as follows:

5 18. No statewide elected official, state officer or employee, member
6 of the legislature or legislative employee may use or direct the use of
7 state aircraft for political purposes.

8 19. In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of
9 law, any person who knowingly and intentionally violates the provisions
10 of subdivisions two through five, seven, seven-a, eight, twelve or four-
11 teen through [~~seventeen~~] eighteen of this section shall be subject to a
12 civil penalty in an amount not to exceed forty thousand dollars and the
13 value of any gift, compensation [~~or~~], benefit [~~received~~] or use of state
14 aircraft in connection with such violation. Assessment of a civil penal-
15 ty hereunder shall be made by the state oversight body with jurisdiction
16 over such person. A state oversight body acting pursuant to its juris-
17 diction, may, in lieu of a civil penalty, with respect to a violation of
18 subdivisions two through five, seven [~~or~~], eight or eighteen of this
19 section, refer a violation of any such subdivision to the appropriate
20 prosecutor and upon such conviction such violation shall be punishable
21 as a class A misdemeanor.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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