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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to increasing the maximum penalty for concealing a license plate to a fine of one thousand dollars

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, 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, as amended by chapter 451 of the  
3 laws of 2021, are amended to read as follows:

4 (b) (i) Number plates shall be kept clean and in a condition so as to  
5 be easily readable [~~and~~].

6 (ii) Number plates shall not be covered by glass or any plastic mate-  
7 rial.

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

12 [~~(iii)~~] (iv) The view of such number plates shall not be obstructed by  
13 any part of the vehicle or by anything carried thereon, except for a  
14 receiver-transmitter issued by a publicly owned tolling facility in  
15 connection with electronic toll collection when such receiver-transmit-  
16 ter is affixed to the exterior of a vehicle in accordance with mounting  
17 instructions provided by the tolling facility.

18 8. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not  
19 less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars, except that a  
20 violation of subparagraph (ii) [~~or~~], subparagraph (iii), or subparagraph  
21 (iv) of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section shall be  
22 punishable by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than [~~three~~  
23 hundred] one thousand 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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