STATE OF NEW YORK

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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:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 8 of section 402 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 451 of the laws of 2021, are amended to read as follows:

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

(ii) Number plates shall not be covered by glass or any plastic material.

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

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

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding 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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