STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 28, 2024

Introduced by Sen. LIU -- 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 electronic appearances for parking violations

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

Section 1. Section 237 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

3-a. To adopt rules and regulations prescribing electronic appearances at hearings adjudicating parking violations;

§ 2. Section 240 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. Parking violations. A person charged with a parking violation may enter a plea of not guilty, personally or through an authorized representative, to obtain a hearing either in person or through electronic appearance. Such plea may be entered in person at any parking violations bureau office, via first-class mail or electronically on the bureau's website. The parking violations bureau shall advise the party making the plea through first class mail or electronically through email that the hearing shall be conducted in the manner selected by the respondent or their authorized representative. In all instances, the parking violations bureau shall permit the electronic submission of documentation and evidence for all hearings, adjournment requests, and other requests for information up until the date and time of such scheduled hearing, and such submissions shall constitute a permanent record to be maintained by the parking violations bureau for a minimum of eight years and three months. Electronic signature and electronic notaries shall be treated in the same manner as printed material and physical filings by a respondent or their authorized representative or legal counsel shall not be required. A video recording shall be made contemporaneously with any electronic appearance or hearing and may be introduced as evidence in any future proceedings relating to such violation.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after 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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