

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 20, 2023

Introduced by Sens. PARKER, ADDABBO, LANZA -- 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 increasing penalties for leaving the scene of an accident without reporting

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

Section 1. 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~~] two 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~~] two thousand nor more than [~~three~~] five thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law. Any violation of the provisions of paragraph

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

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1 a of this subdivision, other than for the mere failure of an operator to
2 exhibit his or her license and insurance identification card for such
3 vehicle or exchange the information required in such paragraph, where
4 the personal injury involved (i) results in serious physical injury, as
5 defined in section 10.00 of the penal law, shall constitute a class E
6 felony, punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand nor more than
7 five thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by
8 law, or (ii) results in death shall constitute a class D felony punisha-
9 ble by a fine of not less than two thousand nor more than five thousand
10 dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law.
11 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
12 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.