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Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring the installation of intelligent speed assistance devices for repeated violation of maximum speed limits

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

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new
2 section 119-c to read as follows:

3 § 119-c. Intelligent speed assistance device. A device, also referred
4 to as a "speed limiter", which is installed in a motor vehicle and
5 utilizes technology to cap the speed of a motor vehicle at five miles
6 per hour more than the speed limit in a specific zone. The technology
7 shall allow for slight acceleration past the speed limit, if necessary,
8 based on traffic conditions.

9 § 2. Subdivision (h) of section 1180 of the vehicle and traffic law is
10 amended by adding a new paragraph 6 to read as follows:

11 6. (i) Upon a conviction for a violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d),
12 (f) or (g) of this section which results in an accumulation of eleven or
13 more points on the driving record of any person for violations that
14 occurred during the preceding eighteen month period, the court shall, in
15 addition to any other fines, imprisonment, conditional discharge or
16 license suspension or revocation, mandate that the person have installed
17 an intelligent speed assistance device, otherwise known as a speed limi-
18 ter, in any motor vehicle owned or operated by such person for a minimum
19 period of twelve months or for any period of license suspension or revo-
20 cation, whichever is later.

21 (ii) Where a person who has accumulated eleven points on their driving
22 record in the preceding eighteen month period does not appear in court,
23 the commissioner shall send a written notice that such person is
24 required to install a speed limiter on any motor vehicle operated by

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

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1 such person until the end of their license suspension or revocation, or
2 conditional discharge or for a minimum of twelve months whichever is
3 longer. The person shall provide proof of installation within ten days
4 of receiving the notice. If the person fails to provide such proof of
5 installation, the commissioner shall suspend their license, modify an
6 existing order of suspension or direct the permanent revocation of the
7 license of a person with a previously revoked license.

8 (iii) Upon the finding of owner liability for failure of an operator
9 to comply with certain posted maximum speed limits through a photo speed
10 violation monitoring system, where such person has received six or more
11 notices of liability; or the finding of owner liability for failure of
12 an operator to comply with traffic-control indications through use of a
13 traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring device, where such
14 person has received six or more notices of liability, during the preced-
15 ing twelve month period, the court shall, in addition to any other
16 finest, imprisonment, conditional discharge or license suspension or
17 revocation, mandate that the person have installed an intelligent speed
18 assistance device, otherwise known as a speed limiter, in any motor
19 vehicle owned or operated by such person for a minimum period of twelve
20 months or for any period of license suspension or revocation, whichever
21 is later.

22 (iv) A person who is required to install a speed limiter under this
23 paragraph shall also be required to demonstrate safe driving practices
24 to the satisfaction of the commissioner prior to the removal of such
25 device. The court, at the recommendation of the commissioner, may
26 extend the required speed limiter period for up to an additional thir-
27 ty-six months for failure to demonstrate safe driving practices pursuant
28 to an evaluation designed by the commissioner. This evaluation may
29 include a written driving test or a road test that evaluates knowledge
30 of and ability to execute safe driving practices as well as consider-
31 ation of a driver's record during the period of speed limiter installa-
32 tion, including accrual of traffic violations and notices of liability
33 from traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring devices or photo
34 speed violation monitoring systems. Other subjective factors may not be
35 considered in the design of the evaluation by the commissioner or deci-
36 sion by the court.

37 (v) The cost of installing and maintaining a speed limiter shall be
38 borne by the person subject to such condition unless the court deter-
39 mines such person is financially unable to afford such cost whereupon
40 such cost may be imposed pursuant to a payment plan or waived. At the
41 end of the required installation period a speed limiter device shall be
42 returned to the department.

43 (vi) The commissioner shall create a list of approved intelligent
44 speed assistance devices or speed limiters.

45 (vii) Where a person who is ordered by a court to install a speed
46 limiter is not the owner of the motor vehicle they operate they shall
47 get a notarized statement from the vehicle's owner confirming the
48 installation. If an individual owns or operates multiple motor vehi-
49 cles, they shall install a speed limiter in each one. The provisions of
50 this paragraph shall not apply to any authorized emergency vehicle.

51 (viii) Proof of installation of a speed limiter required under this
52 paragraph shall occur within ten days of the court order. Within thirty
53 days after the initial installation the device shall be inspected by the
54 department to ensure the device is properly calibrated and installed.
55 The device shall subsequently be inspected every sixty days to determine
56 continued compliance.

1 (ix) A violation of any provision of this paragraph, or a finding that
2 any person has assisted a driver to violate this paragraph, shall be a
3 class A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and the revoca-
4 tion of any conditional discharge.

5 (x) (A) The commissioner shall submit a report every twenty-four
6 months to the governor and the legislature with the following informa-
7 tion about the speed limiter program under this paragraph:

8 (1) Number of individuals actively required to have speed limiters
9 installed in motor vehicles they own or operate.

10 (2) Number of motor vehicles required to have speed limiters
11 installed.

12 (3) Number of fee waivers approved to waive the entire fee for
13 installing a speed limiter.

14 (4) Number of individuals put on a payment plan for their speed limi-
15 ter.

16 (5) Number of speeding tickets issued to individuals with speed limi-
17 ters installed.

18 (6) Number of other traffic law infractions committed by individuals
19 with speed limiters installed, organized by category or type of traffic
20 violation.

21 (7) Number of reported accidents involving individuals with speed
22 limiters installed.

23 (8) Number of known individuals who have not complied with the
24 provisions of this paragraph, separated by three categories: not
25 initially installing a device as required, removing the device before a
26 follow-up inspection, and being cited for not having a device properly
27 installed during a traffic stop.

28 (B) Such report shall also be made publicly available on the depart-
29 ment of transportation and department of motor vehicles websites.

30 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
31 have become a law; provided, however, that subparagraph (iii) of para-
32 graph 6 of subdivision (h) of section 1180 of the vehicle and traffic
33 law, as added by section two of this act, shall take effect one year
34 after such effective date.