STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 22, 2024

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- 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 violations for concealed license plates

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

Section 1. Subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of 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:

(i) Number plates shall be kept clean and in a condition so as to be easily readable [~~and shall not be covered by glass or any plastic material~~].

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

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) of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than [~~fifty~~] **seventy-five** nor more than three hundred dollars **upon conviction of a first violation; upon conviction of a second violation, both of which were committed within a period of eighteen months, such violation shall be punishable by a fine of not less than seventy-five nor more than three hundred fifty dollars; upon conviction of a third or subsequent violation, all of which were committed within a period of eighteen months, such violation shall be punishable by a fine of not less than seventy-five nor more than four hundred 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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