STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 14, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. KASSAY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the transportation of dogs

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1222-a to read as follows:

§ 1222-a. Transportation of dogs; enclosure or restraint requirements. 1. No person shall operate a motor vehicle as defined in section one hundred twenty-five of this chapter while transporting a dog in the back of such motor vehicle in a space intended for any load, unless:

(a) such space is enclosed or has side and tail racks to a height of not less than forty-six inches extending vertically from the floor;

(b) the motor vehicle has installed means of preventing the dog from being ejected; or

(c) the dog is cross-tethered to the vehicle or is protected by a secured container or cage, in a manner which will prevent the dog from being ejected from the motor vehicle.

2. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

(a) the transportation of a dog by its owner, who either owns or is employed by a ranching or farming operation and is traveling on a road in a rural area or is traveling to or from a livestock auction;

(b) the transportation of a dog for purposes associated with ranching or farming; or

(c) the transportation of a dog on roadways with a speed limit under fifty-five miles per hour.

3. (a) The first conviction of a violation of the provisions of this section shall result in a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

(b) The second conviction within a year of a violation of the provisions of this section shall result in a fine of not less than seventy-five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

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

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(c) The third and subsequent convictions within a year of the provisions of this section shall result in a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars for each such conviction.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.