

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:

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

3 § 1222-a. Transportation of dogs; enclosure or restraint requirements.

4 1. No person shall operate a motor vehicle as defined in section one
5 hundred twenty-five of this chapter while transporting a dog in the back
6 of such motor vehicle in a space intended for any load, unless:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (b) The second conviction within a year of a violation of the
26 provisions of this section shall result in a fine of not less than
27 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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1 (c) The third and subsequent convictions within a year of the
2 provisions of this section shall result in a fine of not less than one
3 hundred dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars for each such
4 conviction.

5 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.