

STATE OF NEW YORK

10694

IN SENATE

September 11, 2026

Introduced by Sen. HELMING -- 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 increasing the penalties for passing a school bus with its red lights illuminated indicating that it is picking up or discharging students

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 1174 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as amended by chapter 433 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read
3 as follows:
4 (c) Every person convicted of a violation of subdivision (a) of this
5 section shall: for a first conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of
6 not less than [~~two~~] three hundred fifty dollars nor more than [~~four~~]
7 five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or
8 by both such fine and imprisonment; for a conviction of a second
9 violation, both of which were committed within a period of three years,
10 such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than [~~six~~] five
11 hundred dollars nor more than [~~seven hundred fifty~~] eight hundred
12 dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one hundred eighty days or
13 by both such fine and imprisonment; upon a conviction of a third or
14 subsequent violation, all of which were committed within a period of
15 three years, such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than
16 [~~seven hundred fifty~~] eight hundred dollars nor more than one thousand
17 five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one hundred
18 eighty days or by both such fine and imprisonment.
19 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
20 have become a law.

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

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