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IN SENATE

January 14, 2025

Introduced by Sens. MURRAY, GALLIVAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring identification numbers to be displayed on certain buildings

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

Section 1. Legislative intent and purpose. It is the intent of this legislature to ensure the prompt response of designated agencies to emergency calls and situations. During emergencies time is of the essence and precious moments may be lost when fire, police and other emergency personnel are unable to quickly locate those in need. The legislature therefore declares that it is necessary to require that all premises be identified through the display of their numerical address in a conspicuous location.

§ 2. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 125-b to read as follows:

§ 125-b. Street numbers. 1. Requirements. The owner, agent, lessee or other person in charge of any building upon a street to which street numbers of buildings have been assigned, in which such building is situated, shall cause the proper street number or numbers of such buildings to be displayed in such manner that the street number or numbers may at all times be plainly legible from the sidewalk in front of such building. The term "front" as used in this section shall be construed to mean that side of the building which faces the street on which the number or numbers of such building, or premises on which such building is situated, have been allotted. The number or numbers shall be displayed on such side of such building or premises. Each city shall have the power to establish and enforce rules and regulations relating to the size, form, visibility and location of street numbers in accordance with the requirements of this section.

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

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2. Violations. If the owner, lessee, agent or other person in charge of any building in any city upon a street to which street numbers of buildings have been assigned in which such building is situated shall fail to display the proper street number of such building, as provided in the foregoing subdivision, the city in which such building is situated shall forthwith serve such person or persons with a copy of this section, and if after thirty days' notice the owner, lessee, agent or other person in charge of such building shall fail or neglect to comply with the provisions thereof, such owner, lessee, agent or other person shall be subject to a penalty of twenty-five dollars, which shall be used for and collected in the name of the city. Any person who shall continue any such violation shall be punished by an additional fine of five dollars for each day such violation shall continue.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.