STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 10, 2025

Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- 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 increasing fines for failure to yield when approaching authorized emergency vehicles

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

Section 1. Subdivision (e) of section 1800 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 1 of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Every person convicted of a violation of the provisions of section eleven hundred forty-four of this chapter shall for a first conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than [~~two hundred seventy-five~~] four hundred twenty-five dollars or by imprisonment for not more than fifteen days or by both such fine and imprisonment. For a conviction of a second violation, both of which were committed within a period of eighteen months, such person shall be punished by a fine of not more than [~~four hundred fifty~~] six hundred seventy-five dollars or by imprisonment for not more than forty-five days or by both such fine and imprisonment. For a conviction of a third violation and all subsequent violations, all of which were committed within a period of eighteen months, such person shall be punished by a fine of not more than [~~seven hundred fifty~~] one thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

§ 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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

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