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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to owner liability for failure of an operator to comply with traffic control indicators; to amend the public officers law, in relation to access to records prepared pursuant to traffic control indicators; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof

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 1111-j to read as follows:

3 § 1111-j. Owner liability for failure of an operator to comply with
4 traffic control indicators. (a) 1. Notwithstanding any other provision
5 of law, the city of New York is hereby authorized to establish a demon-
6 stration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle
7 for failure of an operator thereof to comply with posted traffic control
8 indicators in such city in accordance with the provisions of this
9 section. Such demonstration program shall empower the city to install
10 traffic control indicator photo devices on city vehicles and along
11 streets at locations determined by such city and to administer such
12 program in consultation with the New York city department of transporta-
13 tion.

14 2. Any photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded
15 images captured by traffic control indicator photo devices shall be
16 inadmissible in any disciplinary proceeding convened by the city and any
17 proceeding initiated by the city involving licensure privileges of city
18 vehicle operators. Any traffic control indicator photo device mounted
19 along streets at locations determined by New York city or mounted on a
20 city vehicle shall be directed outwardly from such vehicle to capture
21 images of vehicles operated in violation of traffic control indicators,
22 and images produced by such device shall not be used for any other
23 purpose in the absence of a court order requiring such images to be
24 produced.

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

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1 3. No traffic control indicator vehicle photo device shall be used
2 unless on the day it is to be used it has successfully passed a self-
3 test of its functions.

4 4. (i) Such demonstration program shall utilize necessary technologies
5 to ensure, to the extent practicable, that photographs, microphoto-
6 graphs, videotape or other recorded images produced by such traffic
7 control indicator photo device shall not include images that identify
8 the driver, the passengers, or the contents of the vehicle. Provided,
9 however, that no notice of liability issued pursuant to this section
10 shall be dismissed solely because such a photograph, microphotograph,
11 videotape or other recorded image allows for the identification of the
12 driver, the passengers, or the contents of vehicles where the city shows
13 that it made reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions of this
14 paragraph in such case.

15 (ii) Photographs, microphotographs, videotape or any other recorded
16 image from a traffic control indicator photo device shall be for the
17 exclusive use of the city for the purpose of the adjudication of liabil-
18 ity imposed pursuant to this section and of the owner receiving a notice
19 of liability pursuant to this section, and shall be destroyed by the
20 city within forty-eight hours of the final resolution of any notice of
21 liability to which such photographs, microphotographs, videotape or
22 other recorded images relate, or one year following the date of issuance
23 of such notice of liability, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the
24 provisions of any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, photo-
25 graphs, microphotographs, videotape or any other recorded image from a
26 traffic control indicator photo device shall not be open to the public,
27 nor subject to civil or criminal process or discovery, nor used by any
28 court or administrative or adjudicatory body in any action or proceeding
29 therein except that which is necessary for the adjudication of a notice
30 of liability issued pursuant to this section, and no entity or employee,
31 officer or agent thereof shall disclose such information, except that
32 such photographs, microphotographs, videotape or any other recorded
33 images from such devices:

34 (A) shall be available for inspection and copying and use by the motor
35 vehicle owner and operator for so long as such photographs, microphoto-
36 graphs, videotape or other recorded images are required to be maintained
37 or are maintained by such entity, employee, officer or agent.

38 (B) (1) may be disclosed where required by federal law; and

39 (2) shall be furnished in response to a subpoena duces tecum signed by
40 a judge of competent jurisdiction and issued pursuant to article six
41 hundred ten of the criminal procedure law or a judge or magistrate of a
42 federal court authorized to issue such a subpoena duces tecum under
43 federal law, where the judge finds and the subpoena states that there is
44 reasonable cause to believe such information is relevant and material to
45 the defense of the alleged commission of a misdemeanor or felony in this
46 state or another state.

47 (C) shall be available for sharing between the city and any vendor
48 retained by the city for the purpose of deploying such devices. Any such
49 vendor shall be subject to the same restrictions as provided in this
50 section and shall not disclose such materials except as expressly
51 authorized under this section.

52 (iii) The demonstration program authorized pursuant to this section is
53 prohibited from utilizing and from arranging for the utilization of
54 biometric identifying technology, including but not limited to facial
55 recognition technology, for any purpose. The use, and the arrangement
56 for the use, of biometric identifying technology, including but not

1 limited to facial recognition technology, on photographs, microphoto-
2 graphs, videotape, or any other recorded image or data produced by a
3 traffic control indicator photo device, by any person for any purpose,
4 are prohibited. For purposes of this subparagraph, "person" shall
5 include, but not be limited to, a human being, a public or private
6 corporation, an unincorporated association, a partnership, a government
7 or a governmental instrumentality, a court or an administrative or adju-
8 dicatory body, and any employee, officer, and agent of the foregoing.

9 5. Every city vehicle upon which a traffic control indicator photo
10 device is installed and operated pursuant to a demonstration program
11 authorized pursuant to this section shall be equipped with signs, plac-
12 ards or other displays giving notice to approaching motor vehicle opera-
13 tors that traffic control indicator photo devices are used to enforce
14 traffic control indicators.

15 6. Warning notices of violation shall be issued during the first sixty
16 days that traffic control indicator photo devices pursuant to a demon-
17 stration program authorized by this section are active and in operation.

18 7. The city shall adopt and enforce measures:

19 (i) to upgrade signage at regular intervals stating that traffic
20 control indicator photo devices are used to enforce traffic control
21 indicators along such routes;

22 (ii) to prohibit the use or dissemination of vehicles' license plate
23 information and other information and images captured by traffic control
24 indicator photo devices except: (A) as required to establish liability
25 under this section or collect payment of penalties; or (B) as required
26 by federal law; and

27 (iii) to ensure compliance with the privacy protection measures.

28 (b) If the city has established a program pursuant to subdivision (a)
29 of this section, the owner of a vehicle shall be liable for a penalty
30 imposed pursuant to this section if such vehicle was parked in violation
31 of any parking rule of such city and such violation is evidenced by
32 information obtained from a traffic control indicator photo device.

33 (c) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the
34 following meanings:

35 1. "City" shall mean any city with a population over one million
36 persons.

37 2. "Manual on uniform traffic control devices" or "MUTCD" shall mean
38 the manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control
39 devices maintained by the commissioner of transportation pursuant to
40 section sixteen hundred eighty of this chapter.

41 3. "Owner" shall have the meaning provided in article two-B of this
42 chapter.

43 4. "Traffic control indicators" shall mean the prohibited parking,
44 standing, or stopping of any vehicle by the city of New York pursuant to
45 the rules of the New York city department of transportation, including
46 but not limited to during designated time periods as posted by signs or
47 street markings.

48 5. "Traffic control indicator photo device" shall mean a device that
49 is mounted along streets at locations determined by New York city as
50 well as a device that is mounted on a vehicle, is capable of operating
51 independently of an enforcement officer and produces one or more images
52 of each vehicle at the time it is in violation of traffic control indi-
53 cators.

54 6. "Biometric identifying technology" shall mean any tool using an
55 automated or semi-automated process that assists in verifying a person's
56 identity based on a person's biometric information.

1 7. "Biometric information" shall mean any measurable physical, physio-
2 logical or behavioral characteristics that are attributable to a person,
3 including but not limited to facial characteristics, fingerprint charac-
4 teristics, hand characteristics, eye characteristics, vocal character-
5 istics, and any other characteristics that can be used to identify a
6 person including, but not limited to: fingerprints; handprints; retina
7 and iris patterns; DNA sequence; voice; gait; and facial geometry.

8 8. "Facial recognition" shall mean any tool using an automated or
9 semi-automated process that assists in uniquely identifying or verifying
10 a person by comparing and analyzing patterns based on the person's face.

11 (d) A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed by
12 the city, or a facsimile thereof, based upon inspection of photographs,
13 microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images produced by a traf-
14 fic control indicator photo device, shall be prima facie evidence of the
15 facts contained therein. Any photographs, microphotographs, videotape or
16 other recorded images evidencing such a violation shall be available for
17 inspection in any proceeding to adjudicate the liability for such
18 violation pursuant to this section.

19 (e) An owner liable for a violation of a parking rule imposed on any
20 route shall be liable for monetary penalties in accordance with a sched-
21 ule of fines and penalties promulgated by the parking violations bureau
22 of the city of New York; provided, however, that the monetary penalty
23 for violating a parking rule shall not exceed fifty dollars for the
24 first violation; one hundred dollars for a second violation within a
25 twelve-month period; one hundred fifty dollars for a third violation
26 within a twelve-month period; two hundred dollars for a fourth violation
27 within a twelve-month period; and two hundred fifty dollars for each
28 subsequent violation within a twelve-month period; provided, further,
29 that an owner shall be liable for an additional penalty not to exceed
30 twenty-five dollars for each violation for the failure to respond to a
31 notice of liability within the prescribed time period.

32 (f) An imposition of liability under the demonstration program estab-
33 lished pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a conviction as an
34 operator and shall not be made part of the operating record of the
35 person upon whom such liability is imposed nor shall it be used for
36 insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

37 (g) 1. A notice of liability shall be sent by first class mail to each
38 person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of a parking
39 rule. Personal delivery on the owner shall not be required. A manual or
40 automatic record of mailing prepared in the ordinary course of business
41 shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein.

42 2. A notice of liability shall contain the name and address of the
43 person alleged to be liable as an owner for violation of a parking rule,
44 the registration number of the vehicle involved in such violation, the
45 location where such violation took place including the street or cross
46 streets, one or more images identifying the violation, the date and time
47 of such violation and the identification number of the traffic control
48 indicator photo device that recorded the violation or other document
49 locator number.

50 3. The notice of liability shall contain information advising the
51 person charged of the manner and the time in which such person may
52 contest the liability alleged in the notice. Such notice of liability
53 shall also contain a warning to advise the person charged that failure
54 to contest in the manner and time provided shall be deemed an admission
55 of liability and that a default judgment may be entered thereon.

1 4. The notice of liability shall be prepared and mailed by the agency
2 or agencies designated by the city, or any other entity authorized by
3 such city to prepare and mail such notification of violation.

4 5. Adjudication of the liability imposed upon owners by this section
5 shall be by the New York city parking violations bureau.

6 (h) If an owner of a vehicle receives a notice of liability pursuant
7 to this section for any time period during which the vehicle was
8 reported to the police department as having been stolen, it shall be a
9 valid defense to an allegation of liability for violation of a parking
10 rule of such city, that the vehicle had been reported to the police as
11 stolen prior to the time the violation occurred and had not been recov-
12 ered by such time. For purposes of asserting the defense provided by
13 this subdivision it shall be sufficient that a certified copy of the
14 police report on the stolen vehicle be sent by first class mail to the
15 city parking violations bureau.

16 (i) 1. An owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a notice of
17 liability was issued pursuant to subdivision (g) of this section shall
18 not be liable for the violation of the parking rule, provided that:

19 (i) prior to the violation, the lessor has filed with such parking
20 violations bureau in accordance with the provisions of section two
21 hundred thirty-nine of this chapter; and

22 (ii) within thirty-seven days after receiving notice from such bureau
23 of the date and time of such liability, together with the other informa-
24 tion contained in the original notice of liability, the lessor submits
25 to such bureau the correct name and address of the lessee of the vehicle
26 identified in the notice of liability at the time of such violation,
27 together with such other additional information contained in the rental,
28 lease or other contract document, as may be reasonably required by such
29 bureau pursuant to regulations that may be promulgated for such purpose.

30 2. Failure to comply with subparagraph (ii) of paragraph one of this
31 subdivision shall render the lessor liable for the penalty prescribed in
32 this section.

33 3. Where the lessor complies with the provisions of paragraph one of
34 this subdivision, the lessee of such vehicle on the date of such
35 violation shall be deemed to be the owner of such vehicle for purposes
36 of this section, shall be subject to liability for such violation pursu-
37 ant to this section, and shall be sent a notice of liability pursuant to
38 subdivision (g) of this section.

39 (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the liability
40 of an operator of a vehicle for any violation of a parking rule.

41 (k) If the city adopts a demonstration program pursuant to subdivision
42 (a) of this section, such city's department of transportation shall
43 submit a report on the results of the use of traffic control indicator
44 photo devices to the governor, the temporary president of the senate,
45 and the speaker of the assembly two years after the demonstration is
46 adopted. The department of transportation of the city of New York shall
47 also make such reports available on their public-facing websites,
48 provided that they may provide aggregate data from paragraph one of this
49 subdivision if the city finds that publishing specific location data
50 would jeopardize public safety. Such report shall include, but not be
51 limited to:

52 1. a description of the locations and/or vehicles where traffic
53 control indicator vehicle photo devices were used;

54 2. the total number of violations recorded on a monthly and annual
55 basis;

56 3. the total number of notices of liability issued;

- 1 4. the number of fines and total amount of fines paid after the first
- 2 notice of liability;
- 3 5. the number of violations adjudicated and results of such adjudi-
- 4 cations including breakdowns of dispositions made;
- 5 6. the total amount of revenue realized by such city and department
- 6 and an itemized list of expenditures made by the city and department
- 7 with these revenues;
- 8 7. the quality of the adjudication process and its results;
- 9 8. the total number of cameras by type of camera used; and
- 10 9. the total cost to such city.

11 (1) It shall be a defense to any prosecution for a violation of a
 12 parking rule pursuant to a demonstration program adopted pursuant to
 13 this section that such traffic control indicator photo devices were
 14 malfunctioning at the time of the alleged violation.

15 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 235 of the vehicle and traffic law, as
 16 amended by section 1 of part N of chapter 58 of the laws of 2025, is
 17 amended to read as follows:

18 1. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of any general, special
 19 or local law or administrative code to the contrary, in any city which
 20 heretofore or hereafter is authorized to establish an administrative
 21 tribunal: (a) to hear and determine complaints of traffic infractions
 22 constituting parking, standing or stopping violations, or (b) to adjudi-
 23 cate the liability of owners for violations of subdivision (d) of
 24 section eleven hundred eleven of this chapter imposed pursuant to a
 25 local law or ordinance imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
 26 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with traffic-con-
 27 trol indications through the installation and operation of traffic-con-
 28 trol signal photo violation-monitoring systems, in accordance with arti-
 29 cle twenty-four of this chapter, or (c) to adjudicate the liability of
 30 owners for violations of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of
 31 section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter imposed pursuant to a
 32 demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
 33 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such posted
 34 maximum speed limits through the installation and operation of photo
 35 speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of
 36 this chapter, or (d) to adjudicate the liability of owners for
 37 violations of bus lane restrictions as defined by article twenty-four of
 38 this chapter imposed pursuant to a bus rapid transit program imposing
 39 monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
 40 thereof to comply with such bus lane restrictions through the installa-
 41 tion and operation of bus lane photo devices, in accordance with article
 42 twenty-four of this chapter, or (e) to adjudicate the liability of
 43 owners for violations of toll collection regulations imposed by certain
 44 public authorities pursuant to the law authorizing such public authori-
 45 ties to impose monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure
 46 of an operator thereof to comply with toll collection regulations of
 47 such public authorities through the installation and operation of
 48 photo-monitoring systems, in accordance with the provisions of section
 49 two thousand nine hundred eighty-five of the public authorities law and
 50 sections sixteen-a, sixteen-b and sixteen-c of chapter seven hundred
 51 seventy-four of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty, or (f) to adjudicate
 52 the liability of owners for violations of section eleven hundred seven-
 53 ty-four of this chapter when meeting a school bus marked and equipped as
 54 provided in subdivisions twenty and twenty-one-c of section three
 55 hundred seventy-five of this chapter imposed pursuant to a local law or
 56 ordinance imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for

1 failure of an operator thereof to comply with school bus red visual
2 signals through the installation and operation of school bus photo
3 violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-nine of
4 this chapter, or (g) to adjudicate the liability of owners for
5 violations of section three hundred eighty-five of this chapter and the
6 rules of the applicable covered agency or covered authority as such
7 terms are defined in article ten of this chapter in relation to gross
8 vehicle weight and/or axle weight violations imposed pursuant to a weigh
9 in motion demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner
10 of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such
11 gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight restrictions through the instal-
12 lation and operation of weigh in motion violation monitoring systems, in
13 accordance with article ten of this chapter, or (h) to adjudicate the
14 liability of owners for violations of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g)
15 of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter imposed pursuant to a
16 demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
17 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such posted
18 maximum speed limits within a highway construction or maintenance work
19 area through the installation and operation of photo speed violation
20 monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of this chapter,
21 or (i) to adjudicate the liability of owners for violations of bus oper-
22 ation-related traffic regulations as defined by article twenty-four of
23 this chapter imposed pursuant to a demonstration program imposing mone-
24 tary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
25 thereof to comply with such bus operation-related traffic regulations
26 through the installation and operation of bus operation-related photo
27 devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter, or (j)
28 to adjudicate the liability of owners for violations of traffic control
29 indicators as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter imposed
30 pursuant to a program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
31 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such traffic
32 control indicators through the installation and operation of traffic
33 control indicator photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four
34 of this chapter, such tribunal and the rules and regulations pertaining
35 thereto shall be constituted in substantial conformance with the follow-
36 ing sections.

37 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 236 of the vehicle and traffic law, as
38 amended by section 2 of part N of chapter 58 of the laws of 2025, is
39 amended to read as follows:

40 1. Creation. In any city as hereinbefore or hereafter authorized such
41 tribunal when created shall be known as the parking violations bureau
42 and shall have jurisdiction of traffic infractions which constitute a
43 parking violation and, where authorized: (a) to adjudicate the liability
44 of owners for violations of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred
45 eleven of this chapter imposed pursuant to a local law or ordinance
46 imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an
47 operator thereof to comply with traffic-control indications through the
48 installation and operation of traffic-control signal photo violation-
49 monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chap-
50 ter, or (b) to adjudicate the liability of owners for violations of
51 subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty
52 of this chapter imposed pursuant to a demonstration program imposing
53 monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
54 thereof to comply with such posted maximum speed limits through the
55 installation and operation of photo speed violation monitoring systems,
56 in accordance with article thirty of this chapter, or (c) to adjudicate

1 the liability of owners for violations of bus lane restrictions as
2 defined by article twenty-four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a bus
3 rapid transit program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
4 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such bus lane
5 restrictions through the installation and operation of bus lane photo
6 devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter, or (d)
7 to adjudicate the liability of owners for violations of toll collection
8 regulations imposed by certain public authorities pursuant to the law
9 authorizing such public authorities to impose monetary liability on the
10 owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with
11 toll collection regulations of such public authorities through the
12 installation and operation of photo-monitoring systems, in accordance
13 with the provisions of section two thousand nine hundred eighty-five of
14 the public authorities law and sections sixteen-a, sixteen-b and
15 sixteen-c of chapter seven hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen
16 hundred fifty, or (e) to adjudicate the liability of owners for
17 violations of section eleven hundred seventy-four of this chapter when
18 meeting a school bus marked and equipped as provided in subdivisions
19 twenty and twenty-one-c of section three hundred seventy-five of this
20 chapter imposed pursuant to a local law or ordinance imposing monetary
21 liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof
22 to comply with school bus red visual signals through the installation
23 and operation of school bus photo violation monitoring systems, in
24 accordance with article twenty-nine of this chapter, or (f) to adjudi-
25 cate the liability of owners for violations of section three hundred
26 eighty-five of this chapter and the rules of the applicable covered
27 agency or covered authority as such terms are defined in article ten of
28 this chapter in relation to gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight
29 violations imposed pursuant to a weigh in motion demonstration program
30 imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an
31 operator thereof to comply with such gross vehicle weight and/or axle
32 weight restrictions through the installation and operation of weigh in
33 motion violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article ten of
34 this chapter, or (g) to adjudicate the liability of owners for
35 violations of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred
36 eighty of this chapter imposed pursuant to a demonstration program
37 imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an
38 operator thereof to comply with such posted maximum speed limits within
39 a highway construction or maintenance work area through the installation
40 and operation of photo speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance
41 with article thirty of this chapter, or (h) to adjudicate the liability
42 of owners for violations of bus operation-related traffic regulations as
43 defined by article twenty-four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a
44 demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
45 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such bus oper-
46 ation-related traffic regulations through the installation and operation
47 of bus operation-related photo devices, in accordance with article twen-
48 ty-four of this chapter, or (i) to adjudicate the liability of owners
49 for violations of traffic control indicators as defined by article twen-
50 ty-four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a program imposing monetary
51 liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof
52 to comply with such traffic control indicators through the installation
53 and operation of traffic control indicator photo devices, in accordance
54 with article twenty-four of this chapter. Such tribunal, except in a
55 city with a population of one million or more, shall also have jurisdic-
56 tion of abandoned vehicle violations. For the purposes of this article,

1 a parking violation is the violation of any law, rule or regulation
2 providing for or regulating the parking, stopping or standing of a vehi-
3 cle. In addition for purposes of this article, "commissioner" shall mean
4 and include the commissioner of traffic of the city or an official
5 possessing authority as such a commissioner.

6 § 4. Paragraph f of subdivision 1 of section 239 of the vehicle and
7 traffic law, as amended by section 3 of part N of chapter 58 of the laws
8 of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

9 f. "Notice of violation" means a notice of violation as defined in
10 subdivision nine of section two hundred thirty-seven of this article,
11 but shall not be deemed to include a notice of liability issued pursuant
12 to authorization set forth in articles ten, twenty-four, twenty-nine and
13 thirty of this chapter, section two thousand nine hundred eighty-five of
14 the public authorities law and sections sixteen-a, sixteen-b and
15 sixteen-c of chapter seven hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen
16 hundred fifty to impose monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for
17 failure of an operator thereof: to comply with traffic-control indi-
18 cations in violation of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eleven
19 of this chapter through the installation and operation of traffic-con-
20 trol signal photo violation-monitoring systems, in accordance with arti-
21 cle twenty-four of this chapter; or to comply with certain posted maxi-
22 mum speed limits in violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g)
23 of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter through the installa-
24 tion and operation of photo speed violation monitoring systems, in
25 accordance with article thirty of this chapter; or to comply with bus
26 lane restrictions as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter
27 through the installation and operation of bus lane photo devices, in
28 accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; or to comply with
29 toll collection regulations of certain public authorities through the
30 installation and operation of photo-monitoring systems, in accordance
31 with the provisions of section two thousand nine hundred eighty-five of
32 the public authorities law and sections sixteen-a, sixteen-b and
33 sixteen-c of chapter seven hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen
34 hundred fifty; or to stop for a school bus displaying a red visual
35 signal in violation of section eleven hundred seventy-four of this chap-
36 ter through the installation and operation of school bus photo violation
37 monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-nine of this chap-
38 ter; or to comply with certain posted maximum speed limits in violation
39 of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of
40 this chapter within a highway construction or maintenance work area
41 through the installation and operation of photo speed violation monitor-
42 ing systems, in accordance with article thirty of this chapter; or to
43 comply with gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight restrictions in
44 violation of section three hundred eighty-five of this chapter and the
45 rules of the applicable covered agency or covered authority as such
46 terms are defined in article ten of this chapter through the installa-
47 tion and operation of weigh in motion violation monitoring systems, in
48 accordance with article ten of this chapter; or to comply with bus oper-
49 ation-related traffic regulations as defined by article twenty-four of
50 this chapter in violation of the rules of the department of transporta-
51 tion of the city of New York through the installation and operation of
52 bus operation-related photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-
53 four of this chapter; or to comply with traffic control indicators as
54 defined by article twenty-four of this chapter through the installation
55 and operation of traffic control indicator photo devices, in accordance
56 with article twenty-four of this chapter.

1 § 5. Subdivisions 1, 1-a and the opening paragraph of paragraph (a) of
2 subdivision 1-b of section 240 of the vehicle and traffic law, subdivi-
3 sions 1 and 1-a as amended by section 4 of part N of chapter 58 of the
4 laws of 2025 and the opening paragraph of paragraph (a) of subdivision
5 1-b as amended by section 5 of part MM of chapter 56 of the laws of
6 2023, are amended to read as follows:

7 1. Notice of hearing. Whenever a person charged with a parking
8 violation enters a plea of not guilty; or a person alleged to be liable
9 in accordance with any provisions of law specifically authorizing the
10 imposition of monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure
11 of an operator thereof: to comply with traffic-control indications in
12 violation of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eleven of this
13 chapter through the installation and operation of traffic-control signal
14 photo violation-monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-
15 four of this chapter; or to comply with certain posted maximum speed
16 limits in violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section
17 eleven hundred eighty of this chapter through the installation and oper-
18 ation of photo speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance with
19 article thirty of this chapter; or to comply with bus lane restrictions
20 as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter through the installa-
21 tion and operation of bus lane photo devices, in accordance with article
22 twenty-four of this chapter; or to comply with toll collection regu-
23 lations of certain public authorities through the installation and oper-
24 ation of photo-monitoring systems, in accordance with the provisions of
25 section two thousand nine hundred eighty-five of the public authorities
26 law and sections sixteen-a, sixteen-b and sixteen-c of chapter seven
27 hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty; or to stop
28 for a school bus displaying a red visual signal in violation of section
29 eleven hundred seventy-four of this chapter through the installation and
30 operation of school bus photo violation monitoring systems, in accord-
31 ance with article twenty-nine of this chapter; or to comply with certain
32 posted maximum speed limits in violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or
33 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter within a highway
34 construction or maintenance work area through the installation and oper-
35 ation of photo speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance with
36 article thirty of this chapter; or to comply with gross vehicle weight
37 and/or axle weight restrictions in violation of section three hundred
38 eighty-five of this chapter and the rules of the applicable covered
39 agency or covered authority as such terms are defined in article ten of
40 this chapter through the installation and operation of weigh in motion
41 violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article ten of this
42 chapter; or to comply with bus operation-related traffic regulations as
43 defined by article twenty-four of this chapter in violation of the rules
44 of the department of transportation of the city of New York through the
45 installation and operation of bus operation-related photo devices, in
46 accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; or to comply with
47 traffic control indicators as defined by article twenty-four of this
48 chapter through the installation and operation of traffic control indi-
49 cator photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this
50 chapter, contests such allegation, the bureau shall advise such person
51 personally by such form of first class mail as the director may direct
52 of the date on which such person must appear to answer the charge at a
53 hearing. The form and content of such notice of hearing shall be
54 prescribed by the director, and shall contain a warning to advise the
55 person so pleading or contesting that failure to appear on the date
56 designated, or on any subsequent adjourned date, shall be deemed an

1 admission of liability, and that a default judgment may be entered thereon.
2

3 1-a. Fines and penalties. Whenever a plea of not guilty has been
4 entered, or the bureau has been notified that an allegation of liability
5 in accordance with provisions of law specifically authorizing the imposition
6 of monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an
7 operator thereof: to comply with traffic-control indications in
8 violation of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eleven of this
9 chapter through the installation and operation of traffic-control signal
10 photo violation-monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-
11 four of this chapter; or to comply with certain posted maximum speed
12 limits in violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section
13 eleven hundred eighty of this chapter through the installation and operation
14 of photo speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance with
15 article thirty of this chapter; or to comply with bus lane restrictions
16 as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter through the installation
17 and operation of bus lane photo devices, in accordance with article
18 twenty-four of this chapter; or to comply with toll collection regulations
19 of certain public authorities through the installation and operation
20 of photo-monitoring systems, in accordance with the provisions of
21 section two thousand nine hundred eighty-five of the public authorities
22 law and sections sixteen-a, sixteen-b and sixteen-c of chapter seven
23 hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty; or to stop
24 for a school bus displaying a red visual signal in violation of section
25 eleven hundred seventy-four of this chapter through the installation and
26 operation of school bus photo violation monitoring systems, in accordance
27 with article twenty-nine of this chapter; or to comply with certain
28 posted maximum speed limits in violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or
29 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter within a highway
30 construction or maintenance work area through the installation and operation
31 of photo speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance with
32 article thirty of this chapter; or to comply with gross vehicle weight
33 and/or axle weight restrictions in violation of section three hundred
34 eighty-five of this chapter and the rules of the applicable covered
35 agency or covered authority as such terms are defined in article ten of
36 this chapter through the installation and operation of weigh in motion
37 violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article ten of this
38 chapter; or to comply with bus operation-related traffic regulations as
39 defined by article twenty-four of this chapter in violation of the rules
40 of the department of transportation of the city of New York through the
41 installation and operation of bus operation-related photo devices, in
42 accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; or to comply with
43 traffic control indicators as defined by article twenty-four of this
44 chapter through the installation and operation of traffic control indicator
45 photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this
46 chapter, is being contested, by a person in a timely fashion and a hearing
47 upon the merits has been demanded, but has not yet been held, the
48 bureau shall not issue any notice of fine or penalty to that person
49 prior to the date of the hearing.

50 In a city having a population of one million or more, at every hearing
51 for the adjudication of a notice of liability, as provided by this article,
52 there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the owner of a first-
53 response emergency vehicle alleged to be liable in accordance with any
54 provisions of law specifically authorizing the imposition of monetary
55 liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof:
56 to comply with traffic-control indications in violation of subdivision

1 (d) of section eleven hundred eleven of this chapter through the instal-
2 lation and operation of traffic-control signal photo violation-monitor-
3 ing systems, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; or
4 to comply with certain posted maximum speed limits in violation of
5 subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty
6 of this chapter through the installation and operation of photo speed
7 violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of this
8 chapter; or to comply with bus lane restrictions as defined by article
9 twenty-four of this chapter through the installation and operation of
10 bus lane photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this
11 chapter; or to comply with bus operation-related traffic regulations as
12 defined by article twenty-four of this chapter in violation of the rules
13 of the department of transportation of the city of New York through the
14 installation and operation of bus operation-related photo devices, in
15 accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; or to comply with
16 traffic control indicators as defined by article twenty-four of this
17 chapter through the installation and operation of traffic control indi-
18 cator photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this
19 chapter is not liable for such alleged violation if such owner of the
20 first-response emergency vehicle provides the hearing officer with:

21 § 6. Paragraphs a and g of subdivision 2 of section 240 of the vehicle
22 and traffic law, as amended by section 5 of part N of chapter 58 of the
23 laws of 2025, are amended to read as follows:

24 a. Every hearing for the adjudication of a charge of parking violation
25 or an allegation of liability of an owner for a violation of subdivision
26 (d) of section eleven hundred eleven of this chapter imposed pursuant to
27 a local law or ordinance imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
28 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with traffic-con-
29 trol indications through the installation and operation of traffic-con-
30 trol signal photo violation-monitoring systems, in accordance with arti-
31 cle twenty-four of this chapter, or an allegation of liability of an
32 owner for a violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of
33 section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter imposed pursuant to a
34 demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
35 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with certain posted
36 maximum speed limits through the installation and operation of photo
37 speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of
38 this chapter, or an allegation of liability of an owner for a violation
39 of bus lane restrictions as defined by article twenty-four of this chap-
40 ter imposed pursuant to a bus rapid transit program imposing monetary
41 liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof
42 to comply with such bus lane restrictions through the installation and
43 operation of bus lane photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-
44 four of this chapter, or an allegation of liability of an owner for a
45 violation of toll collection regulations imposed by certain public
46 authorities pursuant to the law authorizing such public authorities to
47 impose monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an
48 operator thereof to comply with toll collection regulations of such
49 public authorities through the installation and operation of photo-moni-
50 toring systems, in accordance with the provisions of section two thou-
51 sand nine hundred eighty-five of the public authorities law and sections
52 sixteen-a, sixteen-b and sixteen-c of chapter seven hundred seventy-four
53 of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty, or an allegation of liability of
54 an owner for a violation of section eleven hundred seventy-four of this
55 chapter when meeting a school bus marked and equipped as provided in
56 subdivisions twenty and twenty-one-c of section three hundred seventy-

1 five of this chapter imposed pursuant to a local law or ordinance impos-
2 ing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an oper-
3 ator thereof to comply with school bus red visual signals through the
4 installation and operation of school bus photo violation monitoring
5 systems, in accordance with article twenty-nine of this chapter, or an
6 allegation of liability of an owner for a violation of subdivision (b),
7 (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter imposed
8 pursuant to a demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the
9 owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with
10 certain posted maximum speed limits within a highway construction or
11 maintenance work area through the installation and operation of photo
12 speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of
13 this chapter, or an allegation of liability of an owner for a violation
14 of section three hundred eighty-five of this chapter and the rules of
15 the applicable covered agency or covered authority as such terms are
16 defined in article ten of this chapter in relation to gross vehicle
17 weight and/or axle weight violations imposed pursuant to a weigh in
18 motion demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of
19 a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such gross
20 vehicle weight and/or axle weight restrictions through the installation
21 and operation of weigh in motion violation monitoring systems, in
22 accordance with article ten of this chapter, or an allegation of liabil-
23 ity of an owner for a violation of bus operation-related traffic regu-
24 lations as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter imposed pursu-
25 ant to a demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner
26 of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such bus
27 operation-related traffic regulations through the installation and oper-
28 ation of bus operation-related photo devices, in accordance with article
29 twenty-four of this chapter, or an allegation of liability of an owner
30 for a violation of traffic control indicators as defined by article
31 twenty-four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a program imposing mone-
32 tary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
33 thereof to comply with such traffic control indicators through the
34 installation and operation of traffic control indicator photo devices,
35 in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter, shall be held
36 before a hearing examiner in accordance with rules and regulations
37 promulgated by the bureau.

38 g. A record shall be made of a hearing on a plea of not guilty or of a
39 hearing at which liability in accordance with any provisions of law
40 specifically authorizing the imposition of monetary liability on the
41 owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof: to comply with
42 traffic-control indications in violation of subdivision (d) of section
43 eleven hundred eleven of this chapter through the installation and oper-
44 ation of traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring systems, in
45 accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; to comply with
46 certain posted maximum speed limits in violation of subdivision (b),
47 (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter
48 through the installation and operation of photo speed violation monitor-
49 ing systems, in accordance with article thirty of this chapter; to
50 comply with bus lane restrictions as defined by article twenty-four of
51 this chapter through the installation and operation of bus lane photo
52 devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; to
53 comply with toll collection regulations of certain public authorities
54 through the installation and operation of photo-monitoring systems, in
55 accordance with the provisions of section two thousand nine hundred
56 eighty-five of the public authorities law and sections sixteen-a,

1 sixteen-b and sixteen-c of chapter seven hundred seventy-four of the
2 laws of nineteen hundred fifty; to stop for a school bus displaying a
3 red visual signal in violation of section eleven hundred seventy-four of
4 this chapter through the installation and operation of school bus photo
5 violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-nine of
6 this chapter; to comply with certain posted maximum speed limits in
7 violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred
8 eighty of this chapter within a highway construction or maintenance work
9 area through the installation and operation of photo speed violation
10 monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of this chapter;
11 to comply with gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight restrictions in
12 violation of section three hundred eighty-five of this chapter and the
13 rules of the applicable covered agency or covered authority as such
14 terms are defined in article ten of this chapter through the installa-
15 tion and operation of weigh in motion violation monitoring systems, in
16 accordance with article ten of this chapter; ~~or~~ to comply with bus
17 operation-related traffic regulations as defined by article twenty-four
18 of this chapter in violation of the rules of the department of transpor-
19 tation of the city of New York through the installation and operation of
20 bus operation-related photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-
21 four of this chapter; or to comply with traffic control indicators as
22 defined by article twenty-four of this chapter through the installation
23 and operation of traffic control indicator photo devices, in accord-
24 ance with article twenty-four of this chapter, is contested. Recording
25 devices may be used for the making of the record.

26 § 7. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 241 of the vehicle and traffic
27 law, as amended by section 6 of part N of chapter 58 of the laws of
28 2025, are amended to read as follows:

29 1. The hearing examiner shall make a determination on the charges,
30 either sustaining or dismissing them. Where the hearing examiner deter-
31 mines that the charges have been sustained such hearing examiner may
32 examine either the prior parking violations record or the record of
33 liabilities incurred in accordance with any provisions of law specif-
34 ically authorizing the imposition of monetary liability on the owner of
35 a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof: to comply with traffic-
36 control indications in violation of subdivision (d) of section eleven
37 hundred eleven of this chapter through the installation and operation of
38 traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring systems, in accordance
39 with article twenty-four of this chapter; to comply with certain posted
40 maximum speed limits in violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or
41 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter through the instal-
42 lation and operation of photo speed violation monitoring systems, in
43 accordance with article thirty of this chapter; to comply with bus lane
44 restrictions as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter through
45 the installation and operation of bus lane photo devices, in accordance
46 with article twenty-four of this chapter; to comply with toll collection
47 regulations of certain public authorities through the installation and
48 operation of photo-monitoring systems, in accordance with the provisions
49 of section two thousand nine hundred eighty-five of the public authori-
50 ties law and sections sixteen-a, sixteen-b and sixteen-c of chapter
51 seven hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty; to
52 stop for a school bus displaying a red visual signal in violation of
53 section eleven hundred seventy-four of this chapter through the instal-
54 lation and operation of school bus photo violation monitoring systems,
55 in accordance with article twenty-nine of this chapter; to comply with
56 certain posted maximum speed limits in violation of subdivision (b),

1 (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter within
2 a highway construction or maintenance work area through the installation
3 and operation of photo speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance
4 with article thirty of this chapter; to comply with gross vehicle weight
5 and/or axle weight restrictions in violation of section three hundred
6 eighty-five of this chapter and the rules of the applicable covered
7 agency or covered authority as such terms are defined in article ten of
8 this chapter through the installation and operation of weigh in motion
9 violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article ten of this
10 chapter; ~~or~~ to comply with bus operation-related traffic regulations
11 as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter in violation of the
12 rules of the department of transportation of the city of New York
13 through the installation and operation of bus operation-related photo
14 devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; or to
15 comply with traffic control indicators as defined by article twenty-four
16 of this chapter through the installation and operation of traffic
17 control indicator photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four
18 of this chapter, of the person charged, as applicable prior to rendering
19 a final determination. Final determinations sustaining or dismissing
20 charges shall be entered on a final determination roll maintained by the
21 bureau together with records showing payment and nonpayment of penal-
22 ties.

23 2. Where an operator or owner fails to enter a plea to a charge of a
24 parking violation or contest an allegation of liability in accordance
25 with any provisions of law specifically authorizing the imposition of
26 monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
27 thereof: to comply with traffic-control indications in violation of
28 subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eleven of this chapter through
29 the installation and operation of traffic-control signal photo viola-
30 tion-monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-four of this
31 chapter; to comply with certain posted maximum speed limits in violation
32 of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred
33 eighty of this chapter through the installation and operation of photo
34 speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of
35 this chapter; to comply with bus lane restrictions as defined by article
36 twenty-four of this chapter through the installation and operation of
37 bus lane photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this
38 chapter; to comply with toll collection regulations of certain public
39 authorities through the installation and operation of photo-monitoring
40 systems, in accordance with the provisions of section two thousand nine
41 hundred eighty-five of the public authorities law and sections
42 sixteen-a, sixteen-b and sixteen-c of chapter seven hundred seventy-four
43 of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty; to stop for a school bus display-
44 ing a red visual signal in violation of section eleven hundred seventy-
45 four of this chapter through the installation and operation of school
46 bus photo violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article twen-
47 ty-nine of this chapter; to comply with certain posted maximum speed
48 limits in violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section elev-
49 en hundred eighty of this chapter within a highway construction or main-
50 tenance work area through the installation and operation of photo speed
51 violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of this
52 chapter; to comply with gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight
53 restrictions in violation of section three hundred eighty-five of this
54 chapter and the rules of the applicable covered agency or covered
55 authority as such terms are defined in article ten of this chapter
56 through the installation and operation of weigh in motion violation

1 monitoring systems, in accordance with article ten of this chapter; ~~[or]~~
2 to comply with bus operation-related traffic regulations as defined by
3 article twenty-four of this chapter in violation of the rules of the
4 department of transportation of the city of New York through the instal-
5 lation and operation of bus operation-related photo devices, in accord-
6 ance with article twenty-four of this chapter; or to comply with traffic
7 control indicators as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter
8 through the installation and operation of traffic control indicator
9 photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter,
10 or fails to appear on a designated hearing date or subsequent adjourned
11 date or fails after a hearing to comply with the determination of a
12 hearing examiner, as prescribed by this article or by rule or regulation
13 of the bureau, such failure to plead or contest, appear or comply shall
14 be deemed, for all purposes, an admission of liability and shall be
15 grounds for rendering and entering a default judgment in an amount
16 provided by the rules and regulations of the bureau. However, after the
17 expiration of the original date prescribed for entering a plea and
18 before a default judgment may be rendered, in such case the bureau shall
19 pursuant to the applicable provisions of law notify such operator or
20 owner, by such form of first class mail as the commission may direct;
21 (1) of the violation charged, or liability alleged in accordance with
22 any provisions of law specifically authorizing the imposition of mone-
23 tary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
24 thereof: to comply with traffic-control indications in violation of
25 subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eleven of this chapter through
26 the installation and operation of traffic-control signal photo viola-
27 tion-monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-four of this
28 chapter; to comply with certain posted maximum speed limits in violation
29 of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred
30 eighty of this chapter through the installation and operation of photo
31 speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of
32 this chapter; to comply with bus lane restrictions as defined by article
33 twenty-four of this chapter through the installation and operation of
34 bus lane photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this
35 chapter; to comply with toll collection regulations of certain public
36 authorities through the installation and operation of photo-monitoring
37 systems, in accordance with the provisions of section two thousand nine
38 hundred eighty-five of the public authorities law and sections
39 sixteen-a, sixteen-b and sixteen-c of chapter seven hundred seventy-four
40 of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty; to stop for a school bus display-
41 ing a red visual signal in violation of section eleven hundred seventy-
42 four of this chapter through the installation and operation of school
43 bus photo violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article twen-
44 ty-nine of this chapter; to comply with certain posted maximum speed
45 limits in violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section elev-
46 en hundred eighty of this chapter within a highway construction or main-
47 tenance work area through the installation and operation of photo speed
48 violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of this
49 chapter; to comply with gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight
50 restrictions in violation of section three hundred eighty-five of this
51 chapter and the rules of the applicable covered agency or covered
52 authority as such terms are defined in article ten of this chapter
53 through the installation and operation of weigh in motion violation
54 monitoring systems, in accordance with article ten of this chapter; ~~[or]~~
55 to comply with bus operation-related traffic regulations as defined by
56 article twenty-four of this chapter in violation of the rules of the

1 department of transportation of the city of New York through the instal-
2 lation and operation of bus operation-related photo devices, in accord-
3 ance with article twenty-four of this chapter; or to comply with traffic
4 control indicators as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter
5 through the installation and operation of traffic control indicator
6 photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this
7 chapter, (2) of the impending default judgment, (3) that such judgment
8 will be entered in the Civil Court of the city in which the bureau has
9 been established, or other court of civil jurisdiction or any other
10 place provided for the entry of civil judgments within the state of New
11 York, and (4) that a default may be avoided by entering a plea or
12 contesting an allegation of liability in accordance with any provisions
13 of law specifically authorizing the imposition of monetary liability on
14 the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof: to comply
15 with traffic-control indications in violation of subdivision (d) of
16 section eleven hundred eleven of this chapter through the installation
17 and operation of traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring
18 systems, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; to
19 comply with certain posted maximum speed limits in violation of subdivi-
20 sion (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this
21 chapter through the installation and operation of photo speed violation
22 monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of this chapter;
23 to comply with bus lane restrictions as defined by article twenty-four
24 of this chapter through the installation and operation of bus lane photo
25 devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; to
26 comply with toll collection regulations of certain public authorities
27 through the installation and operation of photo-monitoring systems, in
28 accordance with the provisions of section two thousand nine hundred
29 eighty-five of the public authorities law and sections sixteen-a,
30 sixteen-b and sixteen-c of chapter seven hundred seventy-four of the
31 laws of nineteen hundred fifty; to stop for a school bus displaying a
32 red visual signal in violation of section eleven hundred seventy-four of
33 this chapter through the installation and operation of school bus photo
34 violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-nine of
35 this chapter; to comply with certain posted maximum speed limits in
36 violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred
37 eighty of this chapter within a highway construction or maintenance work
38 area through the installation and operation of photo speed violation
39 monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of this chapter;
40 to comply with gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight restrictions in
41 violation of section three hundred eighty-five of this chapter and the
42 rules of the applicable covered agency or covered authority as such
43 terms are defined in article ten of this chapter through the installa-
44 tion and operation of weigh in motion violation monitoring systems, in
45 accordance with article ten of this chapter; ~~or~~ to comply with bus
46 operation-related traffic regulations as defined by article twenty-four
47 of this chapter in violation of the rules of the department of transpor-
48 tation of the city of New York through the installation and operation of
49 bus operation-related photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-
50 four of this chapter; or to comply with traffic control indicators as
51 defined by article twenty-four of this chapter through the installation
52 and operation of traffic control indicator photo devices, in accordance
53 with article twenty-four of this chapter; or making an appearance with-
54 in thirty days of the sending of such notice. Pleas entered and allega-
55 tions contested within that period shall be in the manner prescribed in
56 the notice and not subject to additional penalty or fee. Such notice of

1 impending default judgment shall not be required prior to the rendering
2 and entry thereof in the case of operators or owners who are non-resi-
3 dents of the state of New York. In no case shall a default judgment be
4 rendered or, where required, a notice of impending default judgment be
5 sent, more than two years after the expiration of the time prescribed
6 for entering a plea or contesting an allegation. When a person has
7 demanded a hearing, no fine or penalty shall be imposed for any reason,
8 prior to the holding of the hearing. If the hearing examiner shall make
9 a determination on the charges, sustaining them, such hearing examiner
10 shall impose no greater penalty or fine than those upon which the person
11 was originally charged.

12 § 8. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph a of subdivision 5-a of section 401
13 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 7 of part N of
14 chapter 58 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

15 (i) If at the time of application for a registration or renewal there-
16 of there is a certification from a court, parking violations bureau,
17 traffic and parking violations agency or administrative tribunal of
18 appropriate jurisdiction that the registrant or their representative
19 failed to appear on the return date or any subsequent adjourned date or
20 failed to comply with the rules and regulations of an administrative
21 tribunal following entry of a final decision in response to a total of
22 three or more summonses or other process in the aggregate, issued within
23 an eighteen month period, charging either that: (i) such motor vehicle
24 was parked, stopped or standing, or that such motor vehicle was operated
25 for hire by the registrant or their agent without being licensed as a
26 motor vehicle for hire by the appropriate local authority, in violation
27 of any of the provisions of this chapter or of any law, ordinance, rule
28 or regulation made by a local authority; or (ii) the registrant was
29 liable for a violation of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred
30 eleven of this chapter imposed pursuant to a local law or ordinance
31 imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an
32 operator thereof to comply with traffic-control indications through the
33 installation and operation of traffic-control signal photo violation-
34 monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chap-
35 ter; or (iii) the registrant was liable for a violation of subdivision
36 (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chap-
37 ter imposed pursuant to a demonstration program imposing monetary
38 liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof
39 to comply with such posted maximum speed limits through the installation
40 and operation of photo speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance
41 with article thirty of this chapter; or (iv) the registrant was liable
42 for a violation of bus lane restrictions as defined by article twenty-
43 four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a bus rapid transit program
44 imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an
45 operator thereof to comply with such bus lane restrictions through the
46 installation and operation of bus lane photo devices, in accordance with
47 article twenty-four of this chapter; or (v) the registrant was liable
48 for a violation of section eleven hundred seventy-four of this chapter
49 when meeting a school bus marked and equipped as provided in subdivi-
50 sions twenty and twenty-one-c of section three hundred seventy-five of
51 this chapter imposed pursuant to a local law or ordinance imposing mone-
52 tary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
53 thereof to comply with school bus red visual signals through the instal-
54 lation and operation of school bus photo violation monitoring systems,
55 in accordance with article twenty-nine of this chapter; or (vi) the
56 registrant was liable for a violation of section three hundred eighty-

1 five of this chapter and the rules of the applicable covered agency or
2 covered authority as such terms are defined in article ten of this chap-
3 ter in relation to gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight violations
4 imposed pursuant to a weigh in motion demonstration program imposing
5 monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
6 thereof to comply with such gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight
7 restrictions through the installation and operation of weigh in motion
8 violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article ten of this
9 chapter; or (vii) the registrant was liable for a violation of subdivi-
10 sion (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chap-
11 ter imposed pursuant to a demonstration program imposing monetary
12 liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof
13 to comply with such posted maximum speed limits within a highway
14 construction or maintenance work area through the installation and oper-
15 ation of photo speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance with
16 article thirty of this chapter[7]; or (viii) the registrant was liable
17 for a violation of bus operation-related traffic regulations as defined
18 by article twenty-four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a demon-
19 stration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle
20 for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such bus operation-re-
21 lated traffic regulations through the installation and operation of bus
22 operation-related photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four
23 of this chapter[7]; or (ix) the registrant was liable for a violation of
24 traffic control indicators as defined by article twenty-four of this
25 chapter imposed pursuant to a program imposing monetary liability on the
26 owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with
27 such traffic control indicators through the installation and operation
28 of traffic control indicator photo devices, in accordance with article
29 twenty-four of this chapter, the commissioner or their agent shall deny
30 the registration or renewal application until the applicant provides
31 proof from the court, traffic and parking violations agency or adminis-
32 trative tribunal wherein the charges are pending that an appearance or
33 answer has been made or in the case of an administrative tribunal that
34 such applicant has complied with the rules and regulations of said
35 tribunal following entry of a final decision. Where an application is
36 denied pursuant to this section, the commissioner may, in their
37 discretion, deny a registration or renewal application to any other
38 person for the same vehicle and may deny a registration or renewal
39 application for any other motor vehicle registered in the name of the
40 applicant where the commissioner has determined that such registrant's
41 intent has been to evade the purposes of this subdivision and where the
42 commissioner has reasonable grounds to believe that such registration or
43 renewal will have the effect of defeating the purposes of this subdivi-
44 sion. Such denial shall only remain in effect as long as the summonses
45 remain unanswered, or in the case of an administrative tribunal, the
46 registrant fails to comply with the rules and regulations following
47 entry of a final decision.

48 § 9. Subdivision 1-a of section 1809 of the vehicle and traffic law,
49 as amended by section 8 of part N of chapter 58 of the laws of 2025, is
50 amended to read as follows:

51 1-a. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one of this
52 section, the provisions of subdivision one of this section shall not
53 apply to an adjudication of liability of owners: (a) for violations of
54 subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eleven of this chapter imposed
55 pursuant to a local law or ordinance imposing monetary liability on the
56 owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with

1 traffic-control indications through the installation and operation of
2 traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring systems, in accordance
3 with article twenty-four of this chapter; or (b) for violations of
4 subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty
5 of this chapter imposed pursuant to a demonstration program imposing
6 monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
7 thereof to comply with such posted maximum speed limits through the
8 installation and operation of photo speed violation monitoring systems,
9 in accordance with article thirty of this chapter; or (c) for violations
10 of bus lane restrictions as defined by article twenty-four of this chap-
11 ter imposed pursuant to a bus rapid transit program imposing monetary
12 liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof
13 to comply with such bus lane restrictions through the installation and
14 operation of bus lane photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-
15 four of this chapter; or (d) for violations of toll collection regu-
16 lations imposed by certain public authorities pursuant to the law
17 authorizing such public authorities to impose monetary liability on the
18 owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with
19 toll collection regulations of such public authorities through the
20 installation and operation of photo-monitoring systems, in accordance
21 with the provisions of section two thousand nine hundred eighty-five of
22 the public authorities law and sections sixteen-a, sixteen-b and
23 sixteen-c of chapter seven hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen
24 hundred fifty; or (e) for violations of section eleven hundred seventy-
25 four of this chapter when meeting a school bus marked and equipped as
26 provided in subdivisions twenty and twenty-one-c of section three
27 hundred seventy-five of this chapter imposed pursuant to a local law or
28 ordinance imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for
29 failure of an operator thereof to comply with school bus red visual
30 signals through the installation and operation of school bus photo
31 violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-nine of
32 this chapter; or (f) for violations of section three hundred eighty-five
33 of this chapter and the rules of the applicable covered agency or
34 covered authority as such terms are defined in article ten of this chap-
35 ter in relation to gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight violations
36 imposed pursuant to a weigh in motion demonstration program imposing
37 monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
38 thereof to comply with such gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight
39 restrictions through the installation and operation of weigh in motion
40 violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article ten of this
41 chapter; or (g) for violations of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of
42 section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter imposed pursuant to a
43 demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
44 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such posted
45 maximum speed limits within a highway construction or maintenance work
46 area through the installation and operation of photo speed violation
47 monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of this chapter;
48 or (h) for violations of bus operation-related traffic regulations as
49 defined by article twenty-four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a
50 demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
51 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such bus oper-
52 ation-related traffic regulations through the installation and operation
53 of bus operation-related photo devices, in accordance with article twen-
54 ty-four of this chapter; or (i) for violations of traffic control indi-
55 cators as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter imposed pursu-
56 ant to a program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle

1 for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such traffic control
2 indicators through the installation and operation of traffic control
3 indicator photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this
4 chapter.

5 § 10. Subdivision 1 of section 1809-a of the vehicle and traffic law,
6 as amended by section 10 of part MM of chapter 56 of the laws of 2023,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 1. The provisions of any other general or special law notwithstanding,
9 whenever, in a city having a population of one hundred thousand or more
10 according to the nineteen hundred eighty United States census,
11 proceedings in an administrative tribunal or a court result in a finding
12 of liability, or conviction for the violation of any statute, local law,
13 ordinance or rule involving the parking, stopping or standing of a motor
14 vehicle, except (a) an adjudication of liability of an owner for a
15 violation of bus operation-related traffic regulations as defined by
16 article twenty-four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a demonstration
17 program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for fail-
18 ure of an operator thereof to comply with such bus operation-related
19 traffic regulations through the installation and operation of bus opera-
20 tion-related photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of
21 this chapter, or (b) an adjudication of liability of an owner for a
22 violation of traffic control indicators as defined by article twenty-
23 four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a program imposing monetary
24 liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof
25 to comply with such traffic control indicators through the installation
26 and operation of traffic control indicator photo devices, in accordance
27 with article twenty-four of this chapter, there shall be levied a manda-
28 tory surcharge in addition to any other sentence, fine or penalty other-
29 wise permitted or required, in the amount of fifteen dollars. Such
30 surcharge shall not be deemed a monetary penalty for the purposes of
31 section two hundred thirty-seven of this chapter or section 19-203 of
32 the administrative code of the city of New York.

33 § 11. Subdivision 1 of section 1809-aa of the vehicle and traffic law,
34 as amended by section 11 of part MM of chapter 56 of the laws of 2023,
35 is amended to read as follows:

36 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever proceedings in
37 an administrative tribunal or court result in a conviction for a
38 violation of section twelve hundred, twelve hundred one or twelve
39 hundred two of this chapter, except (a) an adjudication of liability of
40 an owner for a violation of bus operation-related traffic regulations as
41 defined by article twenty-four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a
42 demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
43 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such bus oper-
44 ation-related traffic regulations through the installation and operation
45 of bus operation-related photo devices, in accordance with article twen-
46 ty-four of this chapter, or (b) an adjudication of liability of an owner
47 for a violation of traffic control indicators as defined by article
48 twenty-four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a program imposing mone-
49 tary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
50 thereof to comply with such traffic control indicators through the
51 installation and operation of traffic control indicator photo devices,
52 in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter, there shall be
53 levied a mandatory surcharge in addition to any other sentence, fine or
54 penalty otherwise permitted or required, in the amount of twenty-five
55 dollars.

1 § 12. Paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 1809-e of the vehicle
2 and traffic law, as amended by section 9 of part N of chapter 58 of the
3 laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

4 a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever proceedings in
5 a court or an administrative tribunal of this state result in a
6 conviction for an offense under this chapter, except a conviction pursu-
7 ant to section eleven hundred ninety-two of this chapter, or for a traf-
8 fic infraction under this chapter, or a local law, ordinance, rule or
9 regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter, except: (i) a traffic
10 infraction involving standing, stopping, or parking or violations by
11 pedestrians or bicyclists; and (ii) an adjudication of liability of an
12 owner for a violation of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred elev-
13 en of this chapter imposed pursuant to a local law or ordinance imposing
14 monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
15 thereof to comply with traffic-control indications through the installa-
16 tion and operation of traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring
17 systems, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; and
18 (iii) an adjudication of liability of an owner for a violation of subdivi-
19 sion (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of
20 this chapter imposed pursuant to a demonstration program imposing mone-
21 tary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
22 thereof to comply with such posted maximum speed limits through the
23 installation and operation of photo speed violation monitoring systems,
24 in accordance with article thirty of this chapter; and (iv) an adjudi-
25 cation of liability of an owner for a violation of bus lane restrictions
26 as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a
27 bus rapid transit program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
28 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such bus lane
29 restrictions through the installation and operation of bus lane photo
30 devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; and (v)
31 an adjudication of liability of an owner for a violation of toll
32 collection regulations imposed by certain public authorities pursuant to
33 the law authorizing such public authorities to impose monetary liability
34 on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply
35 with toll collection regulations of such public authorities through the
36 installation and operation of photo-monitoring systems, in accordance
37 with section two thousand nine hundred eighty-five of the public author-
38 ities law or sections sixteen-a, sixteen-b and sixteen-c of chapter
39 seven hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty; and
40 (vi) an adjudication of liability of an owner for a violation of section
41 eleven hundred seventy-four of this chapter when meeting a school bus
42 marked and equipped as provided in subdivisions twenty and twenty-one-c
43 of section three hundred seventy-five of this chapter imposed pursuant
44 to a local law or ordinance imposing monetary liability on the owner of
45 a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with school bus
46 red visual signals through the installation and operation of school bus
47 photo violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-
48 nine of this chapter; and (vii) an adjudication of liability of an owner
49 for a violation of section three hundred eighty-five of this chapter and
50 the rules of the applicable covered agency or covered authority as such
51 terms are defined in article ten of this chapter in relation to gross
52 vehicle weight and/or axle weight violations imposed pursuant to a weigh
53 in motion demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner
54 of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such
55 gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight restrictions through the instal-
56 lation and operation of weigh in motion violation monitoring systems, in

1 accordance with article ten of this chapter; and (viii) an adjudication
2 of liability of an owner for a violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or
3 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter imposed pursuant to
4 a demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a
5 vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such posted
6 maximum speed limits within a highway construction or maintenance work
7 area through the installation and operation of photo speed violation
8 monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of this chapter;
9 and (ix) an adjudication of liability of an owner for a violation of bus
10 operation-related traffic regulations as defined by article twenty-four
11 of this chapter imposed pursuant to a demonstration program imposing
12 monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator
13 thereof to comply with such bus operation-related traffic regulations
14 through the installation and operation of bus operation-related photo
15 devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter; and (x)
16 an adjudication of liability of an owner for a violation of traffic
17 control indicators as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter
18 imposed pursuant to a program imposing monetary liability on the owner
19 of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such
20 traffic control indicators through the installation and operation of
21 traffic control indicator photo devices, in accordance with article
22 twenty-four of this chapter, there shall be levied in addition to any
23 sentence, penalty or other surcharge required or permitted by law, an
24 additional surcharge of twenty-eight dollars.

25 § 13. Subdivision 2 of section 87 of the public officers law is
26 amended by adding a new paragraph (w) to read as follows:

27 (w) are photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded
28 images prepared under authority of section eleven hundred eleven-j of
29 the vehicle and traffic law.

30 § 14. The purchase or lease of equipment for a demonstration program
31 established pursuant to section 1111-j of the vehicle and traffic law,
32 as added by section one of this act, shall be subject to the provisions
33 of section 103 of the general municipal law.

34 § 15. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
35 law; provided, however, that sections one, thirteen and fourteen of this
36 act shall expire six years after it shall have become a law, when upon
37 such date the provisions of such sections shall be deemed repealed;
38 provided further, however, that:

39 (a) the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 1809-a of the vehicle
40 and traffic law made by section ten of this act shall not affect the
41 repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith; and

42 (b) effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of
43 any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of section one
44 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
45 completed on or before such effective date.