

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to the seizure of vehicles after driving while intoxicated convictions; and to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the revocation of licenses for driving while intoxicated offenses and the denial of vehicle registration after three driving while intoxicated offenses

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

1 Section 1. Section 1310 of the civil practice law and rules is amended  
2 by adding a new subdivision 15 to read as follows:

3 15. "Intoxication offense" means a conviction for a violation of  
4 subdivision two, two-a or three of section eleven hundred ninety-two of  
5 the vehicle and traffic law.

6 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 1311 of the civil practice law and rules  
7 is amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) Actions relating to intoxication offenses. An action relating to  
9 an intoxication offense must be grounded upon a conviction of an intoxi-  
10 cated offense, as provided for by this paragraph. If a defendant has  
11 been convicted of such defendant's second intoxication offense, any and  
12 all vehicles registered to such defendant shall be forfeited for a peri-  
13 od of six months. If such vehicle is also used by a member of the  
14 defendant's household, the household member shall post a bond of not  
15 less than one thousand dollars to be surrendered in the event that the  
16 defendant is found to be driving such vehicle. If a defendant has been  
17 convicted of such defendant's third intoxication offense, any and all  
18 vehicles registered to such defendant shall be forfeited and notwith-  
19 standing the provisions of section thirteen hundred forty-nine of this  
20 article, such vehicle or vehicles shall be sold with the proceeds of  
21 such sale going to the county of jurisdiction's driving while intoxicat-  
22 ed program.

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

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1 § 3. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 1193 of the vehicle and  
2 traffic law, as amended by chapter 312 of the laws of 1994 and subpara-  
3 graph 3 as amended by chapter 732 of the laws of 2006, is amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (c) Reissuance of licenses; restrictions. (1) Except as otherwise  
6 provided in this paragraph, where a license is revoked pursuant to para-  
7 graph (b) of this subdivision, no new license shall be issued after the  
8 expiration of the minimum period specified in such paragraph, except in  
9 the discretion of the commissioner.

10 (2) Where a license is revoked pursuant to subparagraph two, three or  
11 eight of paragraph (b) of this subdivision for a violation of subdivi-  
12 sion four of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article, and  
13 where the individual does not have a driver's license or the individ-  
14 ual's license was suspended at the time of conviction or youthful offen-  
15 der or other juvenile adjudication, the commissioner shall not issue a  
16 new license nor restore the former license for a period of six months  
17 after such individual would otherwise have become eligible to obtain a  
18 new license or to have the former license restored; provided, however,  
19 that during such delay period the commissioner may issue a restricted  
20 use license pursuant to section five hundred thirty of this chapter.

21 (3) In no event shall a new license be issued where a person has been  
22 twice convicted of a violation of subdivision two, two-a, three, four or  
23 four-a of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article or of driv-  
24 ing while intoxicated or of driving while ability is impaired by the use  
25 of a drug or of driving while ability is impaired by the combined influ-  
26 ence of drugs or of alcohol and any drug or drugs where physical injury,  
27 as defined in section 10.00 of the penal law, has resulted from such  
28 offense in each instance.

29 § 4. Section 401 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a  
30 new subdivision 24 to read as follows:

31 24. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other law,  
32 no vehicle may be registered by an individual who has been convicted  
33 three times of a violation of subdivision two, two-a, three, four or  
34 four-a of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this chapter.

35 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
36 sections one, two and four of this act shall take effect on the first of  
37 November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law  
38 and shall apply to offenses committed on or after such date.