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IN SENATE

May 15, 2026

Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing the crime of aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle resulting in death

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Bryant Ortiz act".

§ 2. The section heading of section 511 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 756 of the laws of 1985, is amended and a new subdivision 3-a is added to read as follows:

Operation while license or privilege is suspended or revoked; aggravated unlicensed operation**; aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle resulting in death**.

3-a. Aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle resulting in death. (a) A person is guilty of the offense of aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle resulting in death when such person operates a motor vehicle upon a public highway without a valid license or in violation of the conditions of a learner's permit or any other limited driving privilege, including conditional and restricted use licenses, and in the course of such unlawful operation commits a traffic infraction or engages in negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and such operation results in the death of another person.

(b) Aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle resulting in death is a class E felony. When a person is convicted of this crime, the sentence of the court must be: (i) a fine in an amount not less than five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars; and (ii) a term of imprisonment as provided in the penal law for a class E felony.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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