STATE OF NEW YORK

10694

IN SENATE

September 11, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to increasing the penalties for passing a school bus with its red lights illuminated indicating that it is picking up or discharging students

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

Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 1174 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 433 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Every person convicted of a violation of subdivision (a) of this section shall: for a first conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than [~~two~~] three hundred fifty dollars nor more than [~~four~~] five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment; for a conviction of a second violation, both of which were committed within a period of three years, such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than [~~six~~] five hundred dollars nor more than [~~seven hundred fifty~~] eight hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one hundred eighty days or by both such fine and imprisonment; upon a conviction of a third or subsequent violation, all of which were committed within a period of three years, such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than [~~seven hundred fifty~~] eight hundred dollars nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one hundred eighty days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after 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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