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IN SENATE

January 10, 2025

Introduced by Sens. LIU, FERNANDEZ -- 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 requiring in person hearings for traffic infractions

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

Section 1. Section 227 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

7. Every hearing for the adjudication of a traffic infraction shall be held in person, with all parties and witnesses physically present at the stated time and place of the hearing, provided that virtual attendance at such hearing shall be permissible upon the request or consent of the motorist or the motorist's counsel. On or before the date of a hearing, a motorist, or the motorist's counsel, shall be permitted to appear in person before a hearing officer for the purpose of requesting an adjournment. If unable to appear, the motorist, or the motorist's counsel, shall be permitted to request an adjournment in person after a hearing has occurred upon good cause shown.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth 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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