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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- 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 a statewide multi-agency integrated data system for certain violations relating to motor vehicle registration and use

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 8 of section 402 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 3 of subpart A of part WW of chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A violation of subparagraph (ii), subparagraph (ii-a) or subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section shall be punishable by a [~~fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars~~] **schedule of fines as follows: (i) one hundred fifty dollars for the first violation, (ii) three hundred dollars for a second violation, (iii) five hundred dollars for a third violation, (iv) eight hundred dollars for a fourth violation, and (v) one thousand dollars for a fifth and any subsequent violations committed within a period of eighteen months**.

§ 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 224-b to read as follows:

§ 224-b. Statewide multi-agency integrated data system on number plate violations, motor vehicle registration status, and traffic violations by individuals.

1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Number plate violation" shall mean the obscuring, concealing, or otherwise obstructing of a license plate as defined in section four hundred two of this chapter.

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

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(b) "Motor vehicle registration" shall mean the application for, issuance of, and validity of a certificate of registration for motor vehicle operation as set forth in section four hundred one of this chapter.

(c) "Traffic violation" shall mean any moving and non-moving traffic offense prohibited in state law or local ordinance relating to the operation of a motor vehicle.

(d) "Local law enforcement authority" shall mean any county, city, town, or village entity empowered to issue fines or tickets related to moving and non-moving traffic offenses.

2. The commissioner shall establish and maintain a searchable database containing information regarding the motor vehicle registration, prior number plate violations, and prior traffic violations of persons operating motor vehicles throughout the state. This database shall be sourced with data from the department, local law enforcement authorities, the park, parkway and highway authorities as described in article two of the public authorities law; the bridge and tunnel authorities as described in article three of the public authorities law; the port authorities as described in article six of the public authorities law; and the parking authorities as described in article seven of the public authorities law. Such searchable database shall include, though not be limited to, the following data, features, and functionality to the extent practicable:

(a) violations of subdivision eight of section four hundred two of this chapter;

(b) license suspensions related to violations of subdivision four-h of section five hundred ten of this chapter;

(c) violations of section twelve hundred of this chapter;

(d) violations of toll collection regulations outlined in section twenty-nine hundred eighty-five of the public authorities law;

(e) accessibility of the database by state and local entities defined in this section, including their authorized officers and personnel;

(f) capability for immediate data retrieval in response to queries;

(g) a definition or description of terms for fields in the database;

(h) the ability to digitally select defined individual fields corresponding to any of the reported information from qualified agencies or local entities to create unique database views; and

(i) a guide outlining the features and functionality of the database for users.

3. The database required by this section shall be utilized in the issuance of fines, tickets, or notices of liability related to moving and non-moving traffic offenses by the department, local law enforcement authorities, the park, parkway and highway authorities as described in article two of the public authorities law; the bridge and tunnel authorities as described in article three of the public authorities law; the port authorities as described in article six of the public authorities law; and the parking authorities as described in article seven of the public authorities law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.