STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 19, 2025

Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- 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 restricting driving in a passing lane without overtaking or passing a vehicle

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "failure to pass act".

§ 2. Section 1122 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision (c) to read as follows:

(c) When driving on an interstate highway, no motor vehicle shall drive for more than one and one-half miles in a passing lane if such vehicle is not overtaking or passing a vehicle pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding 15 NYCRR Part 131 or any other law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, a violation of this subdivision shall not constitute a lane violation in accordance with the regulatory authority of the commissioner. A violation of this subdivision shall be punishable by a fine of fifty dollars for the first offense and by a fine of one hundred dollars for each subsequent offense.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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