§ 551. Violations. 1. No person shall operate an escort vehicle, as defined in section one hundred fourteen-c of this chapter, unless he or she is the holder of a valid driver's license and possesses a valid escort certificate issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. A violation of this subdivision shall be a traffic infraction and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

2. No person shall operate an escort vehicle, as defined in section one hundred fourteen-c of this chapter, with an escort certificate which has been cancelled pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. A violation of this subdivision shall be a traffic infraction and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars.

3. No person shall operate an escort vehicle, as defined in section one hundred fourteen-c of this chapter, in violation of any rule or regulation of the commissioner of transportation regarding the operation, use or equipping of such vehicles. A violation of this subdivision shall be a traffic infraction and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars.