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Albany, New York

November 7, 2024

TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Chapter 436 of the Laws of 2024 – Reckless Driving in Parking Lots

Effective November 22, 2024, Chapter 436 of the Laws of 2024 amends Vehicle and Traffic Law section 1212 to include prohibiting reckless driving in any parking lot. The amendment defines "parking lot" as any area(s) of private property, including a driveway, that can accommodate parking four or more motor vehicles that is near or bordering and provided in connection with premises, and used as a means of access to and egress from a public highway and the premises.

The amendment precludes the provisions of section 1212 from applying to any area(s) of private property comprising all or part of property with a one-family or two-family residence.

A copy of Chapter 436 of the Laws of 2024 is attached for reference.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

Mark J.F. Schroeder
Commissioner

Attachment

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 2024

CHAPTER 436

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to prohibiting reckless driving in parking lots

Became a law October 23, 2024, with the approval of the Governor.

Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present.

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

Section 1. Section 1212 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 47 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1212. Reckless driving. **(a)** Reckless driving shall mean driving or using any motor vehicle, motorcycle or any other vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power or any appliance or accessory thereof in a manner which unreasonably interferes with the free and proper use of the public highway **or any parking lot**, or unreasonably endangers users of the public highway **or any parking lot**. Reckless driving is prohibited. Every person violating this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) As used in this section, "parking lot" shall mean any area or areas of private property, including a driveway, near or contiguous to and provided in connection with premises and used as a means of access to and egress from a public highway to such premises and having a capacity for the parking of four or more motor vehicles. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any area or areas of private property comprising all or part of property on which is situated a one or two family residence.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

The Legislature of the STATE OF NEW YORK **ss:**

Pursuant to the authority vested in us by section 70-b of the Public Officers Law, we hereby jointly certify that this slip copy of this session law was printed under our direction and, in accordance with such section, is entitled to be read into evidence.

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS
Temporary President of the Senate

CARL E. HEASTIE
Speaker of the Assembly

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