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## TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Chapter 422 of the Laws of 2022 –Dumping, shoveling or plowing snow onto handicapped parking places

Effective October 19, 2022, Chapter 422 of the Laws of 2022 amends section 1203-e of the Vehicle and Traffic Law by adding the word "plowing" to the heading, designating former section 1203-e as new subdivision one and by adding new subdivision two.

New subdivision two prohibits any firm, corporation, partnership or association engaged in business, trade or commerce, or in furnishing any service in New York, to knowingly dump, shovel or plow snow onto parking places for handicapped parking. The fine is \$125.00 for a first offense and no more than \$250.00 for each subsequent offense.

Local or municipal governments may establish, by local law or ordinance, fines that are higher than established in subdivision two, but not exceeding \$250.00 for the first offense nor \$450.00 for each subsequent offense.

A copy of Chapter 422 of the Laws of 2022 is attached for reference.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

Mark J.F. Schroeder Commissioner

Attachment

<u>Ch. 422, L. of 2022</u> <u>App. 07/21/2022</u> Eff. <u>10/19/2022</u>

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 2022

## CHAPTER 422

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to increasing the fines for dumping snow or plowing onto handicapped parking places

Became a law July 21, 2022, 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 1203-e of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 65 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1203-e. Dumping or plowing snow onto parking places for handicapped prohibited. [Any] 1. Except as otherwise provided in subdivision two of this section, any person who knowingly dumps or shovels snow onto a parking place for handicapped persons rendering such place unusable for parking purposes shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars for the first offense and a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars for every offense thereafter. However, a local or municipal government may, by local law or ordinance, establish fines higher than those established in this [cection] subdivision, but in no instance shall the fines exceed fifty dollars for the first offense or two hundred dollars for the second or subsequent offense.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one of this section, any firm, corporation, partnership or association engaged in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce or in the furnishing of any service in this state who knowingly dumps, shovels or plows snow onto a parking place for handicapped persons rendering such place unusable for parking purposes shall be subject to a fine of one hundred twenty-five dollars for the first offense and a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars for every offense thereafter. However, a local or municipal government may, by local law or ordinance, establish fines higher than those established in this subdivision, but in no instance shall the fines exceed two hundred fifty dollars for the first offense or four hundred fifty dollars for the second or subsequent offense.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law, and shall apply to violations committed on and after such date.

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 <u>italics</u> is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.