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Albany, New York

October 27, 2022

TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Chapter 497 of the Laws of 2022 – Fine increases for operator's failure to exhibit license and insurance identification card, or to exchange required information, after a personal injury incident

Effective November 1, 2022, Chapter 497 of the Laws of 2022 amends Section 600(2)(c) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law to increase fines for an operator's failure to exhibit their license and insurance information card for the vehicle involved in a personal injury incident, or to exchange information as set forth in paragraph (a) of section 600(2)(a). The minimum fine amount for a first offense is increased to seven hundred fifty dollars, and the maximum fine amount for a second or subsequent offense is increased to three thousand dollars.

A copy of Chapter 497 of the Laws of 2022 is attached for reference.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

Mark J.F. Schroeder
Commissioner

Attachment

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 2022

CHAPTER 497

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to increasing penalties for leaving the scene of an accident without reporting

Became a law August 12, 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. Paragraph c of subdivision 2 of section 600 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 4 of part AAA of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

c. A violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision resulting solely from the failure of an operator to exhibit his or her license and insurance identification card for the vehicle or exchange the information required in such paragraph shall constitute a class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty nor more than five hundred dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law. Any subsequent such violation shall constitute a class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law. Any violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision, other than for the mere failure of an operator to exhibit his or her license and insurance identification card for such vehicle or exchange the information required in such paragraph, shall constitute a class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than [~~five hundred~~] seven hundred fifty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law. Any such violation committed by a person after such person has previously been convicted of such a violation shall constitute a class E felony, punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand nor more than [~~two~~] three thousand [~~five hundred~~] dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law. Any violation of the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision, other than for the mere failure of an operator to exhibit his or her license and insurance identification card for such vehicle or exchange the information required in such paragraph, where the personal injury involved (i) results in serious physical injury, as defined in section 10.00 of the penal law, shall constitute a class E felony, punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand nor more than five thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law, or (ii) results in death shall constitute a class D felony punishable by a fine of not less than two thousand nor more than five thousand dollars in addition to any other penalties provided by law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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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
