

STATE OF NEW YORK

7703

IN SENATE

May 30, 2014

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend chapter 746 of the laws of 1988 amending the vehicle and traffic law, the general municipal law and the public officers law relating to the civil liability of vehicle owners for traffic control signal violations, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof; and to amend local law number 46 of the city of New York for the year 1989 amending the administrative code of the city of New York relating to civil liability of vehicle owners for traffic control signal violations, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof

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

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2 vehicle and traffic law, the general municipal law and the public offi-
3 cers law, relating to the civil liability of vehicle owners for traffic
4 control signal violations, as amended by chapter 18 of the laws of 2009,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 § 17. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
7 have become a law and shall remain in full force and effect until Decem-
8 ber 1, [2014] 2019 when upon such date the amendments and provisions
9 made by this act shall be deemed repealed; provided, however, any such
10 local laws as may be enacted pursuant to this act shall remain in full
11 force and effect only until the expiration on December 1, [2014] 2019.

12 § 2. Section 2 of local law number 46 of the city of New York for the
13 year 1989 amending the administrative code of the city of New York
14 relating to civil liability of vehicle owners for traffic control signal
15 violations, as amended by chapter 18 of the laws of 2009, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 § 2. This local law shall take effect immediately and shall expire on
18 December 1, [2014] 2019.

19 § 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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**NEW YORK STATE SENATE
INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
submitted in accordance with Senate Rule VI. Sec 1**

BILL NUMBER: S7703

SPONSOR: RULES

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SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section one of the bill amends the effective date provision of chapter 746 of the laws of 1988 to extend the sunset provision of the authorization for the establishment of a local program for the operation of traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring devices to December 1, 2019. Section two of the bill amends the effective date provision of local law number 46 of the city of New York for the year 1989 to extend the sunset provision of the program for the operation of traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring devices to December 1, 2019.

JUSTIFICATION:

In 1988, the State Legislature enacted legislation that allowed cities with a population of one million or more to establish a demonstration program to install traffic-control signal photo violation monitoring devices to record vehicles going through red light signals at traffic intersections. Since that date, the State Legislature has extended the duration of the demonstration program six times, with the current program set to expire in 2014.

Since 1994, New York City's red light camera program (the "Red Light Camera Program" or the "Program") has proven to be an enormously effective way to increase enforcement without requiring NYPD to divert additional resources, and has been shown to decrease injuries by 24%. Over 8 million vehicles have been cited through the Program for red-light running. In 2013 alone, 577,804 violations were issued to passenger vehicles, buses, trucks and taxicabs running through red lights where cameras were operating.

It is important to note that the use of these devices has dramatically reduced the number of such violations at the intersections being monitored. Violations have declined by as much as 40% to 60% at such intersections. The total number of violations issued through the Red Light Camera Program has declined from 8-22% every year since 2010.

New York City's Red Light Camera Program has proven to be a valuable

instrument in the City's ongoing effort to enhance the overall safety of its roadways for motorists, passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists. It has proven to be an effective traffic safety initiative whose success has been recognized by the State Legislature in its repeated authorizations to extend the initial demonstration program. This legislation will affirm the Program's success by allowing the Program to operate for an additional five years.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Chapter 18 of 2009

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Undetermined

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect immediately

STATE OF NEW YORK

9834

IN ASSEMBLY

May 27, 2014

Introduced by M. of A. HEASTIE, ROSA, SILVER, GOTTFRIED, LENTOL, BRENNAN, CLARK, ABBATE, COOK, GLICK, PERRY, ORTIZ, DINOWITZ, COLTON, MARKEY, CYMBROWITZ, TITUS, O'DONNELL, ROSENTHAL, KAVANAGH, MILLER, CRESPO, WEPRIN, SIMOTAS, QUART, MOSLEY, SEPULVEDA, PICHARDO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. FARRELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

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submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)**

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SPONSOR: Heastie (MS)

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