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legislation necessary to implement  
the state transportation, economic  
development and environmental  
conservation budget for the  
2025-2026 state fiscal year)

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AN ACT

to amend the executive law, in  
relation to the Waterfront Commis-  
sion Act (Part A); to amend part I  
of chapter 413 of the laws of 1999  
relating to providing for mass  
transportation payments in relation  
to the amount of payments in the  
Central New York Regional Transpor-  
tation District and adding Cortland  
County to such District (Part B); to

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or 2 signed copies of bill and 2 copies of memorandum in support (uni-bill).

amend chapter 368 of the laws of 2019 amending the vehicle and traffic law and state finance law relating to establishing a pre-licensing course internet program, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof (Part C); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to abandoned vehicles (Part D); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to expanding the definition of what constitutes drugged impaired driving, penalizing refusals to submit to preliminary screening tests, authorizing prompt license suspensions for drugged driving arrests and expanding situations in which chemical tests can be compelled (Part E); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to improving safety at elementary school intersections (Part F); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to bicycles with electric assist (Part G); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to maximum speed limits for bicycles, bicycles with electric assist, electronic scooters and other devices authorized or required to use bicycle lanes (Part H); to amend part PP of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, amending the public authorities law and the general municipal law relating to the New York transit authority and the metropolitan transportation authority, in relation to extending provisions of law relating to certain tax increment financing provisions (Part I); to amend chapter 929 of the laws of 1986 amending the tax law and other laws relating to the metropolitan transportation authority, in relation to extending certain provisions thereof applicable to the resolution of labor disputes (Part J); to amend the public authorities law, in relation to acquisitions or transfers of property for certain transit projects; and to amend part VVV of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020 amending the public authorities law relating to acquisitions or transfers of property for transit projects, in relation to the effec-

tiveness thereof (Part K); to amend part UUU of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020 amending the state finance law relating to providing funding for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2020-2024 capital program and paratransit operating expenses, in relation to funding for net paratransit operating expenses and in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part L); to amend the state finance law, in relation to providing funding for the metropolitan transportation authority 2025-2029 capital program (Part M); to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the public officers law, in relation to authorizing covered agencies and authorities to use weigh-in-motion technology to automatically enforce vehicle weight limits on their facilities (Part N); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to bus operation-related traffic regulations (Part O); to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the authorization of a surcharge for the issuance of permits relating to the obstruction or closure of a street or pedestrian plaza for construction purposes in a city having a population of one million or more and to the imposition of such surcharge (Part P); to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the public officers law, in relation to the speed violation photo monitoring systems program in work zones including authorizing a photo monitoring program for the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority and New York state bridge authority; to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing a work zone speed camera administration fund; and to amend chapter 421 of the laws of 2021 amending the vehicle and traffic law and the general municipal law relating to certain notices of liability, in relation to making such provisions permanent (Part Q); to amend the penal law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to expanding enhanced assault



protection for motor vehicle license examiners, motor vehicle representatives, highway workers, motor carrier investigators, motor carrier inspectors, and triborough bridge and tunnel authority workers (Part R); to amend chapter 495 of the laws of 2004, amending the insurance law and the public health law relating to the New York state health insurance continuation assistance demonstration project, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part S); to amend the public authorities law, in relation to authorizing the Olympic regional development authority to enter into agreements for membership of one or more of its ski venues in reciprocal ski pass programs where such members are required to guarantee contractual indemnity up to a capped amount (Part T); to amend the general business law, in relation to artificial intelligence companion models (Part U); to amend the general business law, in relation to refund policies (Part V); to amend the general business law, in relation to automatic renewals (Part W); to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring disclosure of algorithmically set prices (Part X); to amend the banking law, in relation to the regulation of buy-now-pay-later lenders (Part Y); to amend the insurance law, in relation to disclosure of pharmacy benefit manager rebate contracts (Part Z); to amend the general business law, the banking law, and the social services law, in relation to protecting eligible adults from financial exploitation (Part AA); to amend the insurance law, in relation to for hire group insurance (Part BB); to amend the insurance law, in relation to for hire motor vehicle insurance rates (Part CC); to amend the insurance law, in relation to rates for livery insurance (Part DD); to amend the New York state urban development corporation act, in relation to extending the authority of the New York state urban development corporation to administer the empire

state economic development fund (Part EE); to amend chapter 393 of the laws of 1994, amending the New York state urban development corporation act, relating to the powers of the New York state urban development corporation to make loans, in relation to extending loan powers (Part FF); to amend part BB of chapter 58 of the laws of 2012, amending the public authorities law, relating to authorizing the dormitory authority to enter into certain design and construction management agreements, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part GG); in relation to enacting the private activity bond allocation act of 2025; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof (Part HH); to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the construction and financing of public libraries (Part II); to amend the public authorities law, in relation to authorizing the dormitory authority to provide additional services to local governments and the department of environmental conservation (Part JJ); to amend chapter 261 of the laws of 1988, amending the state finance law and other laws relating to the New York state infrastructure trust fund, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part KK); to amend the state finance law, in relation to the excelsior linked deposit program (Part LL); to amend the state finance law and the public authorities law, in relation to purchasing thresholds (Part MM); to amend the insurance law, the public authorities law and the tax law, in relation to authorizing certain New York state and local authorities to create a pure or group captive insurance company (Part NN); to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to farmland protection (Part OO); to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to extending the waste tire management fee for five years and removing the exclusion for mail order sales (Part PP); to amend chapter 55 of the laws of 2021

amending the environmental conservation law relating to establishing a deer hunting pilot program, in relation to extending provisions of the youth deer hunting program (Part QQ); to amend the environmental conservation law, the state finance law and the public authorities law, in relation to the inactive hazardous waste disposal site program (Part RR); to amend the general business law, in relation to prohibiting the sale and manufacturing of firefighting personal protective equipment containing intentionally added PFAS (Part SS); to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to authorizing the commissioner of environmental conservation to acquire conservation easements without attorney general approval (Subpart A); and to amend the tax law, in relation to exemptions for any not-for-profit tax exempt corporation operated for conservation, environmental, parks or historic preservation purposes (Subpart B) (Part TT); to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the management of crabs (Part UU); in relation to authorizing the New York state energy research and development authority to finance a portion of its research, development and demonstration, policy and planning, and Fuel NY program, as well as climate change related expenses of the department of environmental conservation from an assessment on gas and electric corporations (Part VV); to amend abandoned property law, in relation to ensuring ESCOs are subject to the same consumer protection regulations regarding unclaimed deposits and refunds currently facing utility companies (Part WW); to authorize utility and cable television assessments that provide funds to the department of health from cable television assessment revenues and to the department of agriculture and markets, department of state, the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation, and the department of environmental conservation from utility

assessment revenues; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof (Part XX); to amend the general business law and the state finance law, in relation to increasing and redirecting civil penalties for failing to comply with the department of public service's prescribed rules and regulations established for the protection of underground facilities (Part YY); and to amend the tax law, in relation to authorizing the department of taxation and finance to disclose certain information to the department of environmental conservation or the New York state energy research and development authority for the purpose of implementing the New York state climate leadership and community protection act (Part ZZ)

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

1 Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation  
2 necessary to implement the state transportation, economic development  
3 and environmental conservation budget for the 2025-2026 state fiscal  
4 year. Each component is wholly contained within a Part identified as  
5 Parts A through ZZ. The effective date for each particular provision  
6 contained within such Part is set forth in the last section of such  
7 Part. Any provision in any section contained within a Part, including  
8 the effective date of the Part, which makes a reference to a section "of  
9 this act", when used in connection with that particular component, shall  
10 be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Part in  
11 which it is found. Section three of this act sets forth the general  
12 effective date of this act.

13

## PART A

14 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 534-n of the  
15 executive law, as added by section 2 of part L of chapter 58 of the laws  
16 of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

17 (a) The commission may temporarily suspend a permit, license or regis-  
18 tration pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision until further  
19 order of the commission or final disposition of the underlying case,  
20 [only] where the permittee, licensee or registrant has been indicted  
21 for, or otherwise charged with, a crime which is equivalent to a felony  
22 in the state of New York or any crime punishable by death or imprison-  
23 ment for a term exceeding three hundred sixty-four days or [only] where  
24 the permittee or licensee is a security officer who is charged by the  
25 commission pursuant to this section with misappropriating any other  
26 person's property at or on a pier or other waterfront terminal.

1 § 2. Subdivisions 6 and 7 of section 534-u of the executive law, as  
2 added by section 2 of part L of chapter 58 of the laws of 2024, are  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 6. Association with a person who has been identified by a federal,  
5 state, or local law enforcement agency as a member or associate of an  
6 organized crime group, a terrorist group, or a career offender cartel,  
7 or who is a career offender, under circumstances where such association  
8 creates a reasonable belief that the participation of the [applicant]  
9 licensee or registrant in any activity required to be licensed under  
10 this act would be inimical to the policies of this article, provided  
11 however that association without the requisite showing of inimicality as  
12 set forth herein shall be insufficient grounds for revocation; or

13 7. Conviction of a racketeering activity or knowing association with a  
14 person who has been convicted of a racketeering activity by a court of  
15 the United States or any state or territory thereof under circumstances  
16 where such association creates a reasonable belief that the partic-  
17 ipation of the [applicant] licensee or registrant in any activity  
18 required to be licensed under this act would be inimical to the policies  
19 of this article, provided, however, that association without the requi-  
20 site showing of inimicality as set forth herein shall be insufficient  
21 grounds for revocation.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

23 PART B

24 Section 1. Section 1 of part I of chapter 413 of the laws of 1999  
25 relating to providing for mass transportation payments, as amended by

1 section 1 of part E of chapter 58 of the laws of 2024, is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the  
4 contrary, payment of mass transportation operating assistance pursuant  
5 to section 18-b of the transportation law shall be subject to the  
6 provisions contained herein and the amounts made available therefor by  
7 appropriation.

8 In establishing service and usage formulas for distribution of mass  
9 transportation operating assistance, the commissioner of transportation  
10 may combine and/or take into consideration those formulas used to  
11 distribute mass transportation operating assistance payments authorized  
12 by separate appropriations in order to facilitate program administration  
13 and to ensure an orderly distribution of such funds.

14 To improve the predictability in the level of funding for those  
15 systems receiving operating assistance payments under service and usage  
16 formulas, the commissioner of transportation is authorized with the  
17 approval of the director of the budget, to provide service payments  
18 based on service and usage statistics of the preceding year.

19 In the case of a service payment made, pursuant to section 18-b of the  
20 transportation law, to a regional transportation authority on account of  
21 mass transportation services provided to more than one county (consider-  
22 ing the city of New York to be one county), the respective shares of the  
23 matching payments required to be made by a county to any such authority  
24 shall be as follows:

|    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|
| 25 | Percentage                 |
| 26 | of Matching                |
| 27 | Local Jurisdiction Payment |

|    |                                |             |              |
|----|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1  | .....                          |             |              |
| 2  | In the Metropolitan Commuter   |             |              |
| 3  | Transportation District:       |             |              |
| 4  | New York City .....            | 6.40        |              |
| 5  | Dutchess .....                 | 1.30        |              |
| 6  | Nassau .....                   | 39.60       |              |
| 7  | Orange .....                   | 0.50        |              |
| 8  | Putnam .....                   | 1.30        |              |
| 9  | Rockland .....                 | 0.10        |              |
| 10 | Suffolk .....                  | 25.70       |              |
| 11 | Westchester .....              | 25.10       |              |
| 12 | In the Capital District Trans- |             |              |
| 13 | portation District:            |             |              |
| 14 | Albany .....                   | 54.05       |              |
| 15 | Rensselaer .....               | 22.45       |              |
| 16 | Saratoga .....                 | 3.95        |              |
| 17 | Schenectady .....              | 15.90       |              |
| 18 | Montgomery .....               | 1.44        |              |
| 19 | Warren .....                   | 2.21        |              |
| 20 | In the Central New York Re-    |             |              |
| 21 | gional Transportation Dis-     |             |              |
| 22 | trict:                         |             |              |
| 23 | Cayuga .....                   | [5.11]      | <u>5.05</u>  |
| 24 | Onondaga .....                 | [75.83]     | <u>74.94</u> |
| 25 | Oswego .....                   | [2.85]      | <u>2.82</u>  |
| 26 | Oneida .....                   | [16.21]     | <u>16.02</u> |
| 27 | <u>Cortland.....</u>           | <u>1.17</u> |              |
| 28 | In the Rochester-Genesee Re-   |             |              |



|    |                                |       |       |
|----|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1  | gional Transportation Dis-     |       |       |
| 2  | trict:                         |       |       |
| 3  | Genesee .....                  | 1.36  |       |
| 4  | Livingston .....               | .90   |       |
| 5  | Monroe .....                   | 90.14 |       |
| 6  | Wayne .....                    | .98   |       |
| 7  | Wyoming .....                  | .51   |       |
| 8  | Seneca .....                   | .64   |       |
| 9  | Orleans .....                  | .77   |       |
| 10 | Ontario .....                  | 4.69  |       |
| 11 | In the Niagara Frontier Trans- |       |       |
| 12 | portation District: Erie ..... |       | 89.20 |
| 13 | Niagara .....                  | 10.80 |       |

14 Notwithstanding any other inconsistent provisions of section 18-b of  
15 the transportation law or any other law, any moneys provided to a public  
16 benefit corporation constituting a transportation authority or to other  
17 public transportation systems in payment of state operating assistance  
18 or such lesser amount as the authority or public transportation system  
19 shall make application for, shall be paid by the commissioner of trans-  
20 portation to such authority or public transportation system in lieu, and  
21 in full satisfaction, of any amounts which the authority would otherwise  
22 be entitled to receive under section 18-b of the transportation law.

23 Notwithstanding the reporting date provision of section 17-a of the  
24 transportation law, the reports of each regional transportation authori-  
25 ty and other major public transportation systems receiving mass trans-  
26 portation operating assistance shall be submitted on or before July 15  
27 of each year in the format prescribed by the commissioner of transporta-

1 tion. Copies of such reports shall also be filed with the chairpersons  
2 of the senate finance committee and the assembly ways and means commit-  
3 tee and the director of the budget. The commissioner of transportation  
4 may withhold future state operating assistance payments to public trans-  
5 portation systems or private operators that do not provide such reports.

6 Payments may be made in quarterly installments as provided in subdivi-  
7 sion 2 of section 18-b of the transportation law or in such other manner  
8 and at such other times as the commissioner of transportation, with the  
9 approval of the director of the budget, may provide; and where payment  
10 is not made in the manner provided by such subdivision 2, the matching  
11 payments required of any city, county, Indian tribe or intercity bus  
12 company shall be made within 30 days of the payment of state operating  
13 assistance pursuant to this section or on such other basis as may be  
14 agreed upon by the commissioner of transportation, the director of the  
15 budget, and the chief executive officer of such city, county, Indian  
16 tribe or intercity bus company.

17 The commissioner of transportation shall be required to annually eval-  
18 uate the operating and financial performance of each major public trans-  
19 portation system. Where the commissioner's evaluation process has iden-  
20 tified a problem related to system performance, the commissioner may  
21 request the system to develop plans to address the performance deficien-  
22 cies. The commissioner of transportation may withhold future state oper-  
23 ating assistance payments to public transportation systems or private  
24 operators that do not provide such operating, financial, or other infor-  
25 mation as may be required by the commissioner to conduct the evaluation  
26 process.

27 Payments shall be made contingent upon compliance with regulations  
28 deemed necessary and appropriate, as prescribed by the commissioner of

1 transportation and approved by the director of the budget, which shall  
2 promote the economy, efficiency, utility, effectiveness, and coordinated  
3 service delivery of public transportation systems. The chief executive  
4 officer of each public transportation system receiving a payment shall  
5 certify to the commissioner of transportation, in addition to informa-  
6 tion required by section 18-b of the transportation law, such other  
7 information as the commissioner of transportation shall determine is  
8 necessary to determine compliance and carry out the purposes herein.

9 Counties, municipalities or Indian tribes that propose to allocate  
10 service payments to operators on a basis other than the amount earned by  
11 the service payment formula shall be required to describe the proposed  
12 method of distributing governmental operating aid and submit it one  
13 month prior to the start of the operator's fiscal year to the commis-  
14 sioner of transportation in writing for review and approval prior to the  
15 distribution of state aid. The commissioner of transportation shall only  
16 approve alternate distribution methods which are consistent with the  
17 transportation needs of the people to be served and ensure that the  
18 system of private operators does not exceed established maximum service  
19 payment limits. Copies of such approvals shall be submitted to the  
20 chairpersons of the senate finance and assembly ways and means commit-  
21 tees.

22 Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 4 of section 18-b of the  
23 transportation law, the commissioner of transportation is authorized to  
24 continue to use prior quarter statistics to determine current quarter  
25 payment amounts, as initiated in the April to June quarter of 1981. In  
26 the event that actual revenue passengers and actual total number of  
27 vehicle, nautical or car miles are not available for the preceding quar-  
28 ter, estimated statistics may be used as the basis of payment upon

1 approval by the commissioner of transportation. In such event, the  
2 succeeding payment shall be adjusted to reflect the difference between  
3 the actual and estimated total number of revenue passengers and vehicle,  
4 nautical or car miles used as the basis of the estimated payment. The  
5 chief executive officer may apply for less aid than the system is eligi-  
6 ble to receive. Each quarterly payment shall be attributable to operat-  
7 ing expenses incurred during the quarter in which it is received, unless  
8 otherwise specified by such commissioner. In the event that a public  
9 transportation system ceases to participate in the program, operating  
10 assistance due for the final quarter that service is provided shall be  
11 based upon the actual total number of revenue passengers and the actual  
12 total number of vehicle, nautical or car miles carried during that quar-  
13 ter.

14 Payments shall be contingent on compliance with audit requirements  
15 determined by the commissioner of transportation.

16 In the event that an audit of a public transportation system or  
17 private operator receiving funds discloses the existence of an overpay-  
18 ment of state operating assistance, regardless of whether such an over-  
19 payment results from an audit of revenue passengers and the actual  
20 number of revenue vehicle miles statistics, or an audit of private oper-  
21 ators in cases where more than a reasonable return based on equity or  
22 operating revenues and expenses has resulted, the commissioner of trans-  
23 portation, in addition to recovering the amount of state operating  
24 assistance overpaid, shall also recover interest, as defined by the  
25 department of taxation and finance, on the amount of the overpayment.

26 Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary,  
27 whenever the commissioner of transportation is notified by the comp-  
28 troller that the amount of revenues available for payment from an

1 account is less than the total amount of money for which the public mass  
2 transportation systems are eligible pursuant to the provisions of  
3 section 88-a of the state finance law and any appropriations enacted for  
4 these purposes, the commissioner of transportation shall establish a  
5 maximum payment limit which is proportionally lower than the amounts set  
6 forth in appropriations.

7 Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) of subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 88-a  
8 of the state finance law and any other general or special law, payments  
9 may be made in quarterly installments or in such other manner and at  
10 such other times as the commissioner of transportation, with the  
11 approval of the director of the budget may prescribe.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
13 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2025.

14 PART C

15 Section 1. Section 6 of chapter 368 of the laws of 2019 amending the  
16 vehicle and traffic law and state finance law relating to establishing a  
17 pre-licensing course internet program, is amended to read as follows:

18 § 6. This act shall take effect June 30, 2020 and shall expire and be  
19 deemed repealed June 30, [2025] 2030; provided, however, that the amend-  
20 ments to paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 89-b of the state  
21 finance law made by section four of this act shall be subject to the  
22 expiration and reversion of such subdivision pursuant to section 13 of  
23 part U1 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, as amended, when upon such  
24 date the provisions of section five of this act shall take effect.  
25 Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule  
26 or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effec-

1 tive date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such  
2 effective date.

3 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

4 PART D

5 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 1224 of the vehi-  
6 cle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 795 of the laws of 1974, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) with no number plates affixed thereto, for more than [~~six~~] three  
9 hours on any highway or other public place;

10 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 1224 of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
11 amended by chapter 540 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 2. If an abandoned vehicle, at the time of abandonment, has no number  
14 plates affixed and is of a wholesale value, taking into consideration  
15 the condition of the vehicle, of [~~one thousand two hundred fifty~~] three  
16 thousand five hundred dollars or less, ownership shall immediately vest  
17 in the local authority having jurisdiction thereof and title to the  
18 vehicle shall vest in accordance with applicable law and regulations of  
19 the commissioner, provided however that a local authority shall not be  
20 required to obtain title to an abandoned vehicle that is subject to the  
21 provisions of this subdivision if the vehicle will be sold or otherwise  
22 disposed of as junk or salvage, dismantled for use other than as a motor  
23 vehicle, or otherwise destroyed.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
25 it shall have become a law.

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## PART E

2 Section 1. Section 114-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by  
3 chapter 92 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 114-a. Drug. The term "drug" when used in this chapter, means and  
5 includes any substance listed in section thirty-three hundred six of the  
6 public health law and cannabis and concentrated cannabis as defined in  
7 section 222.00 of the penal law and any substance or combination of  
8 substances that impair physical or mental abilities to any extent.

9 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding two new sections  
10 119-a-1 and 119-b-1 to read as follows:

11 § 119-a-1. Impaired. Impairment is reached when a driver has consumed  
12 or ingested a substance or combination of substances to the extent that  
13 the driver has impaired, to any extent, the physical and/or mental abil-  
14 ities which a driver is expected to possess in order to operate a vehi-  
15 cle as a reasonable and prudent person.

16 § 119-b-1. Intoxication. Intoxication is a greater degree of impair-  
17 ment which is reached when a driver has consumed or ingested a substance  
18 or combination of substances to the extent that the driver is incapable,  
19 to a substantial extent, of employing the physical and/or mental abili-  
20 ties which a driver is expected to possess in order to operate a vehicle  
21 as a reasonable and prudent person.

22 § 3. Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of section 1194 of the vehicle and traf-  
23 fic law, as added by chapter 47 of the laws of 1988, paragraph (a) of  
24 subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of 1996, paragraphs  
25 (b) and (c) of subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 489 of the laws of  
26 2017, clause (A) of subparagraph 1, subparagraphs 2 and 3 of paragraph  
27 (b), subparagraphs 1, 2 and 3 of paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 as

1 amended by chapter 27 of the laws of 2018, subparagraphs 1 and 2 of  
2 paragraph (d) of subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 732 of the laws of  
3 2006, and item (iii) of clause c of subparagraph 1 of paragraph (d) of  
4 subdivision 2 as amended by section 37 of part LL of chapter 56 of the  
5 laws of 2010, are amended to read as follows:

6 1. Arrest and field testing. (a) Arrest. Notwithstanding the  
7 provisions of section 140.10 of the criminal procedure law, a police  
8 officer may, without a warrant, arrest a person, in case of a violation  
9 of subdivision one of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article,  
10 if such violation is coupled with an accident or collision in which such  
11 person is involved, which in fact has been committed, though not in the  
12 police officer's presence, when the officer has reasonable cause to  
13 believe that the violation was committed by such person.

14 (b) Field testing. Every person operating a motor vehicle which has  
15 been involved in an accident or which is operated in violation of any of  
16 the provisions of this chapter shall, at the request of a police offi-  
17 cer, submit to a breath test and oral/bodily fluid test to be adminis-  
18 tered by the police officer. If such test indicates that such operator  
19 has consumed alcohol or a drug or drugs, the police officer may request  
20 such operator to submit to a chemical test and an evaluation conducted  
21 by a drug recognition expert in the manner set forth in subdivision two  
22 of this section.

23 (c) Refusal to submit to a breath test or oral/bodily fluid test  
24 pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision shall be a traffic infrac-  
25 tion, subject to penalties as defined in section eighteen hundred of  
26 this chapter.

27 2. Chemical tests and drug recognition evaluations. (a) When author-  
28 ized. Any person who operates a motor vehicle in this state shall be



1 deemed to have given consent to an evaluation conducted by a drug recog-  
2 nition expert, and a chemical test of one or more of the following:  
3 breath, blood, urine, or [saliva] oral/bodily fluid, for the purpose of  
4 determining the alcoholic and/or drug content [of the blood] within such  
5 person's body, provided that such test is administered by or at the  
6 direction of a police officer with respect to a chemical test of breath,  
7 urine or [saliva] oral/bodily fluid or, with respect to a chemical test  
8 of blood, at the direction of a police officer:

9 (1) having reasonable grounds to believe such person to have been  
10 operating in violation of any subdivision of section eleven hundred  
11 ninety-two of this article and within two hours after such person has  
12 been placed under arrest for any such violation; or having reasonable  
13 grounds to believe such person to have been operating in violation of  
14 section eleven hundred ninety-two-a of this article and within two hours  
15 after the stop of such person for any such violation,

16 (2) within two hours after a breath test, or oral/bodily fluid test,  
17 as provided in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section, indi-  
18 cates that alcohol and/or a drug or drugs has been consumed by such  
19 person and in accordance with the rules and regulations established by  
20 the police force of which the officer is a member;

21 (3) for the purposes of this paragraph, "reasonable grounds" to  
22 believe that a person has been operating a motor vehicle after having  
23 consumed alcohol in violation of section eleven hundred ninety-two-a of  
24 this article shall be determined by viewing the totality of circum-  
25 stances surrounding the incident which, when taken together, indicate  
26 that the operator was driving in violation of such subdivision. Such  
27 circumstances may include any visible or behavioral indication of alco-  
28 hol consumption by the operator, the existence of an open container

1 containing or having contained an alcoholic beverage in or around the  
2 vehicle driven by the operator, or any other evidence surrounding the  
3 circumstances of the incident which indicates that the operator has been  
4 operating a motor vehicle after having consumed alcohol at the time of  
5 the incident; or

6 (4) notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no  
7 person under the age of twenty-one shall be arrested for an alleged  
8 violation of section eleven hundred ninety-two-a of this article.  
9 However, a person under the age of twenty-one for whom a chemical test  
10 or an evaluation conducted by a drug recognition expert is authorized  
11 pursuant to this paragraph may be temporarily detained by the police  
12 solely for the purpose of requesting or administering such chemical test  
13 or an evaluation conducted by a drug recognition expert whenever arrest  
14 without a warrant for a petty offense would be authorized in accordance  
15 with the provisions of section 140.10 of the criminal procedure law or  
16 paragraph (a) of subdivision one of this section.

17 (b) Report of refusal. (1) If: (A) such person having been placed  
18 under arrest; or (B) after a breath or oral/bodily fluid test indicates  
19 the presence of alcohol and/or a drug or drugs in the person's system;  
20 or (C) with regard to a person under the age of twenty-one, there are  
21 reasonable grounds to believe that such person has been operating a  
22 motor vehicle after having consumed alcohol in violation of section  
23 eleven hundred ninety-two-a of this article; and having thereafter been  
24 requested to submit to such chemical test or an evaluation conducted by  
25 a drug recognition expert and having been informed that the person's  
26 license or permit to drive and any non-resident operating privilege  
27 shall be immediately suspended and subsequently revoked, or, for opera-  
28 tors under the age of twenty-one for whom there are reasonable grounds

1 to believe that such operator has been operating a motor vehicle after  
2 having consumed alcohol in violation of section eleven hundred ninety-  
3 two-a of this article, shall be revoked for refusal to submit to such  
4 chemical test or any portion thereof, or an evaluation conducted by a  
5 drug recognition expert or any portion thereof whether or not the person  
6 is found guilty of the charge for which such person is arrested or  
7 detained, refuses to submit to such chemical test or any portion there-  
8 of, [unless a court order has been granted pursuant to subdivision three  
9 of this section,] or an evaluation conducted by a drug recognition  
10 expert or any portion thereof, the test shall not be given and a written  
11 report of such refusal shall be immediately made by the police officer  
12 before whom such refusal was made. Such report may be verified by having  
13 the report sworn to, or by affixing to such report a form notice that  
14 false statements made therein are punishable as a class A misdemeanor  
15 pursuant to section 210.45 of the penal law and such form notice togeth-  
16 er with the subscription of the deponent shall constitute a verification  
17 of the report.

18 (2) The report of the police officer shall set forth reasonable  
19 grounds to believe such arrested person or such detained person under  
20 the age of twenty-one had been driving in violation of any subdivision  
21 of section eleven hundred ninety-two or eleven hundred ninety-two-a of  
22 this article, that said person had refused to submit to such chemical  
23 test, [and that no chemical test was administered pursuant to the  
24 requirements of subdivision three of this section] or an evaluation  
25 conducted by a drug recognition expert, or any portion thereof. The  
26 report shall be presented to the court upon arraignment of an arrested  
27 person, provided, however, in the case of a person under the age of  
28 twenty-one, for whom a test was authorized pursuant to the provisions of

1 subparagraph two or three of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, and who  
2 has not been placed under arrest for a violation of any of the  
3 provisions of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article, such  
4 report shall be forwarded to the commissioner within forty-eight hours  
5 in a manner to be prescribed by the commissioner, and all subsequent  
6 proceedings with regard to refusal to submit to such chemical test or an  
7 evaluation conducted by a drug recognition expert by such person shall  
8 be as set forth in subdivision three of section eleven hundred ninety-  
9 four-a of this article.

10 (3) For persons placed under arrest for a violation of any subdivision  
11 of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article, the license or  
12 permit to drive and any non-resident operating privilege shall, upon the  
13 basis of such written report, be temporarily suspended by the court  
14 without notice pending the determination of a hearing as provided in  
15 paragraph (c) of this subdivision. Copies of such report must be trans-  
16 mitted by the court to the commissioner and such transmittal may not be  
17 waived even with the consent of all the parties. Such report shall be  
18 forwarded to the commissioner within forty-eight hours of such arraign-  
19 ment.

20 (4) The court or the police officer, in the case of a person under the  
21 age of twenty-one alleged to be driving after having consumed alcohol,  
22 shall provide such person with a scheduled hearing date, a waiver form,  
23 and such other information as may be required by the commissioner. If a  
24 hearing, as provided for in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, or subdivi-  
25 sion three of section eleven hundred ninety-four-a of this article, is  
26 waived by such person, the commissioner shall immediately revoke the  
27 license, permit, or non-resident operating privilege, as of the date of

1 receipt of such waiver in accordance with the provisions of paragraph  
2 (d) of this subdivision.

3 (c) Hearings. Any person whose license or permit to drive or any non-  
4 resident driving privilege has been suspended pursuant to paragraph (b)  
5 of this subdivision is entitled to a hearing in accordance with a hear-  
6 ing schedule to be promulgated by the commissioner. If the department  
7 fails to provide for such hearing fifteen days after the date of the  
8 arraignment of the arrested person, the license, permit to drive or  
9 non-resident operating privilege of such person shall be reinstated  
10 pending a hearing pursuant to this section. The hearing shall be limited  
11 to the following issues: (1) did the police officer have reasonable  
12 grounds to believe that such person had been driving in violation of any  
13 subdivision of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article; (2)  
14 did the police officer make a lawful arrest of such person; (3) was such  
15 person given sufficient warning, in clear or unequivocal language, prior  
16 to such refusal that such refusal to submit to such chemical test or any  
17 portion thereof, or an evaluation conducted by a drug recognition expert  
18 or any portion thereof, would result in the immediate suspension and  
19 subsequent revocation of such person's license or operating privilege  
20 whether or not such person is found guilty of the charge for which the  
21 arrest was made; and (4) did such person refuse to submit to such chemi-  
22 cal test or any portion thereof, or an evaluation conducted by a drug  
23 recognition expert or any portion thereof. If, after such hearing, the  
24 hearing officer, acting on behalf of the commissioner, finds on any one  
25 of said issues in the negative, the hearing officer shall immediately  
26 terminate any suspension arising from such refusal. If, after such hear-  
27 ing, the hearing officer, acting on behalf of the commissioner finds all  
28 of the issues in the affirmative, such officer shall immediately revoke

1 the license or permit to drive or any non-resident operating privilege  
2 in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (d) of this subdivision.  
3 A person who has had a license or permit to drive or non-resident oper-  
4 ating privilege suspended or revoked pursuant to this subdivision may  
5 appeal the findings of the hearing officer in accordance with the  
6 provisions of article three-A of this chapter. Any person may waive the  
7 right to a hearing under this section. Failure by such person to appear  
8 for the scheduled hearing shall constitute a waiver of such hearing,  
9 provided, however, that such person may petition the commissioner for a  
10 new hearing which shall be held as soon as practicable.

11 (d) Sanctions. (1) Revocations. a. Any license which has been revoked  
12 pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subdivision shall not be restored for  
13 at least one year after such revocation, nor thereafter, except in the  
14 discretion of the commissioner. However, no such license shall be  
15 restored for at least eighteen months after such revocation, nor there-  
16 after except in the discretion of the commissioner, in any case where  
17 the person has had a prior revocation resulting from refusal to submit  
18 to a chemical test or an evaluation conducted by a certified drug recog-  
19 nitition expert or any portion thereof, or has been convicted of or found  
20 to be in violation of any subdivision of section eleven hundred ninety-  
21 two or section eleven hundred ninety-two-a of this article not arising  
22 out of the same incident, within the five years immediately preceding  
23 the date of such revocation; provided, however, a prior finding that a  
24 person under the age of twenty-one has refused to submit to a chemical  
25 test or an evaluation conducted by a certified drug recognition expert  
26 or any portion thereof pursuant to subdivision three of section eleven  
27 hundred ninety-four-a of this article shall have the same effect as a  
28 prior finding of a refusal pursuant to this subdivision solely for the

1 purpose of determining the length of any license suspension or revoca-  
2 tion required to be imposed under any provision of this article,  
3 provided that the subsequent offense or refusal is committed or occurred  
4 prior to the expiration of the retention period for such prior refusal  
5 as set forth in paragraph (k) of subdivision one of section two hundred  
6 one of this chapter.

7 b. Any license which has been revoked pursuant to paragraph (c) of  
8 this subdivision or pursuant to subdivision three of section eleven  
9 hundred ninety-four-a of this article, where the holder was under the  
10 age of twenty-one years at the time of such refusal, shall not be  
11 restored for at least one year, nor thereafter, except in the discretion  
12 of the commissioner. Where such person under the age of twenty-one years  
13 has a prior finding, conviction or youthful offender adjudication  
14 resulting from a violation of section eleven hundred ninety-two or  
15 section eleven hundred ninety-two-a of this article, not arising from  
16 the same incident, such license shall not be restored for at least one  
17 year or until such person reaches the age of twenty-one years, whichever  
18 is the greater period of time, nor thereafter, except in the discretion  
19 of the commissioner.

20 c. Any commercial driver's license which has been revoked pursuant to  
21 paragraph (c) of this subdivision based upon a finding of refusal to  
22 submit to a chemical test or an evaluation conducted by a certified drug  
23 recognition expert or any portion thereof, where such finding occurs  
24 within or outside of this state, shall not be restored for at least  
25 eighteen months after such revocation, nor thereafter, except in the  
26 discretion of the commissioner, but shall not be restored for at least  
27 three years after such revocation, nor thereafter, except in the  
28 discretion of the commissioner, if the holder of such license was oper-

1 ating a commercial motor vehicle transporting hazardous materials at the  
2 time of such refusal. However, such person shall be permanently disqual-  
3 ified from operating a commercial motor vehicle in any case where the  
4 holder has a prior finding of refusal to submit to a chemical test or an  
5 evaluation thereof conducted by a certified drug recognition expert or  
6 any portion thereof pursuant to this section or has a prior conviction  
7 of any of the following offenses: any violation of section eleven  
8 hundred ninety-two of this article; any violation of subdivision one or  
9 two of section six hundred of this chapter; or has a prior conviction of  
10 any felony involving the use of a motor vehicle pursuant to paragraph  
11 (a) of subdivision one of section five hundred ten-a of this chapter.  
12 Provided that the commissioner may waive such permanent revocation after  
13 a period of ten years has expired from such revocation provided:

14 (i) that during such ten year period such person has not been found to  
15 have refused a chemical test or an evaluation conducted by a certified  
16 drug recognition expert or any portion thereof pursuant to this section  
17 and has not been convicted of any one of the following offenses: any  
18 violation of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article; refusal  
19 to submit to a chemical test or an evaluation conducted by a certified  
20 drug recognition expert or any portion thereof pursuant to this section;  
21 any violation of subdivision one or two of section six hundred of this  
22 chapter; or has a prior conviction of any felony involving the use of a  
23 motor vehicle pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section  
24 five hundred ten-a of this chapter;

25 (ii) that such person provides acceptable documentation to the commis-  
26 sioner that such person is not in need of alcohol or drug treatment or  
27 has satisfactorily completed a prescribed course of such treatment; and



1 (iii) after such documentation is accepted, that such person is grant-  
2 ed a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good  
3 conduct pursuant to article twenty-three of the correction law by the  
4 court in which such person was last penalized.

5 d. Upon a third finding of refusal and/or conviction of any of the  
6 offenses which require a permanent commercial driver's license revoca-  
7 tion, such permanent revocation may not be waived by the commissioner  
8 under any circumstances.

9 (2) Civil penalties. Except as otherwise provided, any person whose  
10 license, permit to drive, or any non-resident operating privilege is  
11 revoked pursuant to the provisions of this section shall also be liable  
12 for a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars except that if  
13 such revocation is a second or subsequent revocation pursuant to this  
14 section issued within a five year period, or such person has been  
15 convicted of a violation of any subdivision of section eleven hundred  
16 ninety-two of this article within the past five years not arising out of  
17 the same incident, the civil penalty shall be in the amount of seven  
18 hundred fifty dollars. Any person whose license is revoked pursuant to  
19 the provisions of this section based upon a finding of refusal to submit  
20 to a chemical test or an evaluation conducted by a certified drug recog-  
21 niton expert or any portion thereof while operating a commercial motor  
22 vehicle shall also be liable for a civil penalty of five hundred fifty  
23 dollars except that if such person has previously been found to have  
24 refused a chemical test or an evaluation conducted by a certified drug  
25 recognition expert or any portion thereof pursuant to this section while  
26 operating a commercial motor vehicle or has a prior conviction of any of  
27 the following offenses while operating a commercial motor vehicle: any  
28 violation of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article; any

1 violation of subdivision two of section six hundred of this chapter; or  
2 has a prior conviction of any felony involving the use of a commercial  
3 motor vehicle pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section  
4 five hundred ten-a of this chapter, then the civil penalty shall be  
5 seven hundred fifty dollars. No new driver's license or permit shall be  
6 issued, or non-resident operating privilege restored to such person  
7 unless such penalty has been paid. All penalties collected by the  
8 department pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be the prop-  
9 erty of the state and shall be paid into the general fund of the state  
10 treasury.

11 (3) Effect of rehabilitation program. No period of revocation arising  
12 out of this section may be set aside by the commissioner for the reason  
13 that such person was a participant in the alcohol and drug rehabili-  
14 tation program set forth in section eleven hundred ninety-six of this  
15 article.

16 (e) Regulations. The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and  
17 regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of subdivi-  
18 sions one and two of this section.

19 (f) Evidence. Evidence of a refusal to submit to such chemical test or  
20 any portion thereof or an evaluation conducted by a certified drug  
21 recognition expert or any portion thereof shall be admissible in any  
22 trial, proceeding or hearing based upon a violation of the provisions of  
23 section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article but only upon a show-  
24 ing that the person was given sufficient warning, in clear and unequiv-  
25 ocal language, of the effect of such refusal and that the person  
26 persisted in the refusal. Evidence of a refusal shall be admissible  
27 pursuant to this section regardless of the time of the refusal.

1 (g) Results. Upon the request of the person who was tested, the  
2 results of such test shall be made available to such person.

3 3. Compulsory chemical tests. (a) Court ordered chemical tests.  
4 Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision two of this section, no  
5 person who operates a motor vehicle in this state may refuse to submit  
6 to a chemical test of one or more of the following: breath, blood, urine  
7 or [saliva] oral/bodily fluids, for the purpose of determining the alco-  
8 holic and/or drug content of the blood or oral/bodily fluids when a  
9 court order for such chemical test has been issued in accordance with  
10 the provisions of this subdivision.

11 (b) When authorized. Upon refusal by any person to submit to a chemi-  
12 cal test or any portion thereof as described above, the test shall not  
13 be given unless a police officer or a district attorney, as defined in  
14 subdivision thirty-two of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law,  
15 requests and obtains a court order to compel a person to submit to a  
16 chemical test to determine the alcoholic or drug content of the person's  
17 blood or oral/bodily fluids upon a finding of reasonable cause to  
18 believe that:

19 (1) such person was the operator of a motor vehicle and in the course  
20 of such operation [a person other than the operator was killed or  
21 suffered serious physical injury as defined in section 10.00 of the  
22 penal law] the motor vehicle was involved in a crash; or personal injury  
23 has been caused to another person, due to an incident involving the  
24 motor vehicle operated by such person; or such person has a previous  
25 conviction for a violation of any subdivision of section eleven hundred  
26 ninety-two of this article; and

27 (2) a. either such person operated the vehicle in violation of any  
28 subdivision of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article, or

1 b. a breath test or oral/bodily fluid test administered by a police  
2 officer in accordance with paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this  
3 section indicates that alcohol or a drug or drugs has been consumed by  
4 such person; and

5 (3) such person has been placed under lawful arrest; and

6 (4) such person has refused to submit to a chemical test or any  
7 portion thereof or an evaluation conducted by a certified drug recogni-  
8 tion expert, or any portion thereof, requested in accordance with the  
9 provisions of paragraph (a) of subdivision two of this section or is  
10 unable to give consent to such a test.

11 (c) Reasonable cause; definition. For the purpose of this subdivision  
12 "reasonable cause" shall be determined by viewing the totality of  
13 circumstances surrounding the incident which, when taken together, indi-  
14 cate that the operator was driving in violation of section eleven  
15 hundred ninety-two of this article. Such circumstances may include, but  
16 are not limited to: evidence that the operator was operating a motor  
17 vehicle in violation of any provision of this article or any other  
18 moving violation at the time of the incident; any visible indication of  
19 alcohol or drug consumption or impairment by the operator; the existence  
20 of an open container containing an alcoholic beverage or a drug or drugs  
21 in or around the vehicle driven by the operator; the odor of cannabis,  
22 burnt cannabis or other drug; any other evidence surrounding the circum-  
23 stances of the incident which indicates that the operator has been oper-  
24 ating a motor vehicle while impaired by the consumption of alcohol or  
25 drugs or intoxicated at the time of the incident.

26 (d) Court order; procedure. (1) An application for a court order to  
27 compel submission to a chemical test or any portion thereof, may be made  
28 to any supreme court justice, county court judge or district court judge

1 in the judicial district in which the incident occurred, or if the inci-  
2 dent occurred in the city of New York before any supreme court justice  
3 or judge of the criminal court of the city of New York. Such application  
4 may be communicated by telephone, radio or other means of electronic  
5 communication, or in person.

6 (2) The applicant must provide identification by name and title and  
7 must state the purpose of the communication. Upon being advised that an  
8 application for a court order to compel submission to a chemical test is  
9 being made, the court shall place under oath the applicant and any other  
10 person providing information in support of the application as provided  
11 in subparagraph three of this paragraph. After being sworn the applicant  
12 must state that the person from whom the chemical test was requested was  
13 the operator of a motor vehicle and in the course of such operation [a  
14 person, other than the operator, has been killed or seriously injured]  
15 the motor vehicle was involved in a crash; or personal injury has been  
16 caused to another person, due to an incident involving the motor vehicle  
17 operated by such person; or such person has a previous arrest for a  
18 violation of any subdivision of section eleven hundred ninety-two of  
19 this article; and, based upon the totality of circumstances, there is  
20 reasonable cause to believe that such person was operating a motor vehi-  
21 cle in violation of any subdivision of section eleven hundred ninety-two  
22 of this article and, after being placed under lawful arrest such person  
23 refused to submit to a chemical test or any portion thereof, in accord-  
24 ance with the provisions of this section or is unable to give consent to  
25 such a test or any portion thereof. The applicant must make specific  
26 allegations of fact to support such statement. Any other person properly  
27 identified, may present sworn allegations of fact in support of the  
28 applicant's statement.

1 (3) Upon being advised that an oral application for a court order to  
2 compel a person to submit to a chemical test is being made, a judge or  
3 justice shall place under oath the applicant and any other person  
4 providing information in support of the application. Such oath or oaths  
5 and all of the remaining communication must be recorded, either by means  
6 of a voice recording device or verbatim stenographic or verbatim long-  
7 hand notes. If a voice recording device is used or a stenographic record  
8 made, the judge must have the record transcribed, certify to the accura-  
9 cy of the transcription and file the original record and transcription  
10 with the court within seventy-two hours of the issuance of the court  
11 order. If the longhand notes are taken, the judge shall subscribe a copy  
12 and file it with the court within twenty-four hours of the issuance of  
13 the order.

14 (4) If the court is satisfied that the requirements for the issuance  
15 of a court order pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this  
16 subdivision have been met, it may grant the application and issue an  
17 order requiring the accused to submit to a chemical test to determine  
18 the alcoholic and/or drug content of [his] their blood [and] or  
19 oral/bodily fluids and ordering the withdrawal of a blood or oral/bodily  
20 fluid sample in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of  
21 subdivision four of this section. When a judge or justice determines to  
22 issue an order to compel submission to a chemical test based on an oral  
23 application, the applicant therefor shall prepare the order in accord-  
24 ance with the instructions of the judge or justice. In all cases the  
25 order shall include the name of the issuing judge or justice, the name  
26 of the applicant, and the date and time it was issued. It must be  
27 signed by the judge or justice if issued in person, or by the applicant  
28 if issued orally.

1 (5) Any false statement by an applicant or any other person in support  
2 of an application for a court order shall subject such person to the  
3 offenses for perjury set forth in article two hundred ten of the penal  
4 law.

5 (6) The chief administrator of the courts shall establish a schedule  
6 to provide that a sufficient number of judges or justices will be avail-  
7 able in each judicial district to hear oral applications for court  
8 orders as permitted by this section.

9 (e) Administration of compulsory chemical test. An order issued pursu-  
10 ant to the provisions of this subdivision shall require that a chemical  
11 test to determine the alcoholic and/or drug content of the operator's  
12 blood or oral/bodily fluid must be administered. The provisions of para-  
13 graphs (a), (b) and (c) of subdivision four of this section shall be  
14 applicable to any chemical test administered pursuant to this section.

15 § 4. The subparagraph heading and clauses a and b of subparagraph 7 of  
16 paragraph (e) of subdivision 2 of section 1193 of the vehicle and traf-  
17 fic law, as added by chapter 312 of the laws of 1994, clause a as  
18 amended by chapter 732 of the laws of 2006, and clause b as separately  
19 amended by chapters 3 and 571 of the laws of 2002, are amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 Suspension pending prosecution; excessive blood alcohol content or  
22 impairment by a drug or drugs. a. Except as provided in clause a-1 of  
23 this subparagraph, a court shall suspend a driver's license, pending  
24 prosecution, of any person charged with a violation of subdivision two,  
25 two-a, three, four or four-a of section eleven hundred ninety-two of  
26 this article who, at the time of arrest, is alleged to have had .08 of  
27 one percent or more by weight of alcohol in such driver's blood or is  
28 alleged to have been impaired by the ingestion of a drug or drugs as

1 shown by chemical analysis of blood, breath, urine or [saliva]  
2 oral/bodily fluid, or by an evaluation conducted by a certified drug  
3 recognition expert, or any portion thereof, made pursuant to subdivision  
4 two or three of section eleven hundred ninety-four of this article, or  
5 the driver makes a statement admitting to driving while intoxicated by  
6 alcohol or while impaired by a drug or drugs.

7 b. The suspension occurring under clause a of this subparagraph shall  
8 occur no later than at the conclusion of all proceedings required for  
9 the arraignment and the suspension occurring under clause a-1 of this  
10 subparagraph shall occur immediately after the holder's first appearance  
11 before the court on the charge which shall, whenever possible, be the  
12 next regularly scheduled session of the court after the arrest or at the  
13 conclusion of all proceedings required for the arraignment; provided,  
14 however, that if the results of any test administered pursuant to  
15 section eleven hundred ninety-four of this article are not available  
16 within such time period, the complainant police officer or other public  
17 servant shall transmit such results to the court at the time they become  
18 available, and the court shall, as soon as practicable following the  
19 receipt of such results and in compliance with the requirements of this  
20 subparagraph, suspend such license. In order for the court to impose  
21 such suspension it must find that the accusatory instrument conforms to  
22 the requirements of section 100.40 of the criminal procedure law and  
23 there exists reasonable cause to believe either that (a) the holder  
24 operated a motor vehicle while such holder had .08 of one percent or  
25 more by weight of alcohol or was impaired by the ingestion of a drug or  
26 drugs in [his or her] their blood as was shown by chemical analysis of  
27 such person's blood, breath, urine or [saliva] oral/bodily fluid, or by  
28 an evaluation conducted by a certified drug recognition expert, or any



1 portion thereof, made pursuant to the provisions of section eleven  
2 hundred ninety-four of this article or the driver makes a statement  
3 admitting to driving while intoxicated by alcohol or while impaired by a  
4 drug or drugs or (b) the person was the holder of a class DJ or MJ  
5 learner's permit or a class DJ or MJ driver's license and operated a  
6 motor vehicle while such holder was in violation of subdivision one, two  
7 and/or three of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article. At  
8 the time of such license suspension the holder shall be entitled to an  
9 opportunity to make a statement regarding these two issues and to pres-  
10 ent evidence tending to rebut the court's findings.

11 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

12 PART F

13 Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision (a) of section 1642 of the vehi-  
14 cle and traffic law is amended to read as follows:

15 2. Parking, standing, stopping and backing of vehicles, except in  
16 violation of subparagraph b of paragraph two of subdivision (a) of  
17 section twelve hundred two of this chapter where such violation occurs  
18 within one thousand feet of a school grounds, as defined in subdivision  
19 two of section four hundred nine of the education law, where such school  
20 grounds is a public, nonpublic, or charter elementary school serving  
21 students in any grade through grade five, provided that the intersection  
22 is adjacent to a city block where such school grounds is located.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
24 it shall have become a law.

25 PART G

1 Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 102-c of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law, as added by section 1 of part XX of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020,  
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 (c) "Class three bicycle with electric assist." Solely within a city  
5 having a population of one million or more, a bicycle weighing less than  
6 one-hundred pounds with electric assist having an electric motor that  
7 may be used exclusively to propel such bicycle, and that is not capable  
8 of providing assistance when such bicycle reaches a speed of twenty-five  
9 miles per hour.

10 § 2. Section 121-b of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chap-  
11 ter 160 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

12 § 121-b. Limited use motorcycle. (a) A limited use vehicle having only  
13 two or three wheels, with a seat or saddle for the operator. A limited  
14 use motorcycle having a maximum performance speed, of more than thirty  
15 miles per hour but not more than forty miles per hour shall be a class A  
16 limited use motorcycle. A limited use motorcycle having a maximum  
17 performance speed of more than twenty miles per hour but not more than  
18 thirty miles per hour, shall be a class B limited use motorcycle. A  
19 limited use motorcycle having a maximum performance speed of not more  
20 than twenty miles per hour shall be a class C limited use motorcycle.

21 (b) A class three bicycle with electric assist as defined in subdivi-  
22 sion (c) of section one hundred two-c of this article, weighing one-hun-  
23 dred pounds or more.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
25 it shall have become a law.

1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 1642 of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law is amended by adding a new paragraph 28 to read as follows:

3 28. Establishment of maximum speed limits at which bicycles, bicycles  
4 with electric assist, electric scooters and other devices authorized or  
5 required to use bicycle lanes and bicycle paths may proceed in such  
6 bicycle lanes and bicycle paths, subject to any other speed limit appli-  
7 cable to any such device imposed by this chapter or any other law or  
8 rule; provided, however, that such speed limits established in bicycle  
9 lanes may be no higher than the speed limit established for vehicles  
10 using the same highway outside of a bicycle lane, and that such speed  
11 limits established in bicycle paths may be no higher than the speed  
12 limit established for vehicles using the same or adjacent highway to  
13 such bicycle path. Such speed limits may be applicable throughout such  
14 city, within designated areas of such city, or on designated bicycle  
15 lanes or bicycle paths, or portions thereof, within such city.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

17 PART I

18 Section 1. Section 3 of part PP of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016  
19 amending the public authorities law and the general municipal law relat-  
20 ing to the New York transit authority and the metropolitan transporta-  
21 tion authority, as amended by section 1 of part A of chapter 58 of the  
22 laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

23 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amend-  
24 ments to subdivision 1 of section 119-r of the general municipal law  
25 made by section two of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed  
26 April 1, [2025] 2035, and provided further that such repeal shall not

1 affect the validity or duration of any contract entered into before that  
2 date pursuant to paragraph f of such subdivision.

3 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

4 PART J

5 Section 1. Section 45 of chapter 929 of the laws of 1986 amending the  
6 tax law and other laws relating to the metropolitan transportation  
7 authority, as amended by section 1 of part G of chapter 58 of the laws  
8 of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

9 § 45. This act shall take effect immediately; except that: (a) para-  
10 graph (d) of subdivision 3 of section 1263 of the public authorities  
11 law, as added by section twenty-six of this act, shall be deemed to have  
12 been in full force and effect on and after August 5, 1986; (b) sections  
13 thirty-three and thirty-four of this act shall not apply to a certified  
14 or recognized public employee organization which represents any public  
15 employees described in subdivision 16 of section 1204 of the public  
16 authorities law and such sections shall expire on July 1, [2025] 2027  
17 and nothing contained within these sections shall be construed to divest  
18 the public employment relations board or any court of competent juris-  
19 diction of the full power or authority to enforce any order made by the  
20 board or such court prior to the effective date of this act; (c) the  
21 provisions of section thirty-five of this act shall expire on March 31,  
22 1987; and (d) provided, however, the commissioner of taxation and  
23 finance shall have the power to enforce the provisions of sections two  
24 through nine of this act beyond December 31, 1990 to enable such commis-  
25 sioner to collect any liabilities incurred prior to January 1, 1991.

26 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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## PART K

2 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 12-a of section 1266 of the  
3 public authorities law, as added by section 2 of part VVV of chapter 58  
4 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

5 (a) Whenever the authority determines in consultation with the city of  
6 New York that it is necessary to obtain the temporary or permanent use,  
7 occupancy, control or possession of vacant or undeveloped or underuti-  
8 lized but replaceable real property, or any interest therein, or subsur-  
9 face real property or any interest therein then owned by the city of New  
10 York for a project in [the two thousand fifteen to two thousand nineteen  
11 or the two thousand twenty to two thousand twenty-four approved capital  
12 programs to (i) install one or more elevators to make one or more subway  
13 stations more accessible, (ii) construct or reconstruct an electrical  
14 substation to increase available power to the subway system to expand  
15 passenger capacity or reliability, or (iii) in connection with the capi-  
16 tal project to construct four commuter railroad passengers stations in  
17 the borough of the Bronx known as Penn Station access] a capital program  
18 approved pursuant to section twelve hundred sixty-nine-b of this title,  
19 the authority upon approval by the board of the metropolitan transporta-  
20 tion authority and upon suitable notice and with the consent of the city  
21 of New York may cause the title to such real property, or any interest  
22 therein, to be transferred to the authority by adding it to the agree-  
23 ment of lease dated June first, nineteen hundred fifty-three, as  
24 amended, renewed and supplemented, authorized by section twelve hundred  
25 three of this article, or may itself acquire title to such property from  
26 the city of New York, and any such transfer or acquisition of real prop-  
27 erty shall be subject to the provisions of subdivision five of section

1 twelve hundred sixty-six-c of this title. Nothing in this subdivision  
2 shall be deemed to authorize any temporary or permanent transfer or  
3 acquisition of real property, or interest therein, that is dedicated  
4 parkland without separate legislative approval of such alienation.

5 § 2. Section 3 of part VVV of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020 amending  
6 the public authorities law relating to acquisitions or transfers of  
7 property for transit projects is amended to read as follows:

8 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
9 deemed repealed on December 31, [2025] 2030; provided, however, that the  
10 repeal of this act shall not affect any transfer or acquisition pursuant  
11 to all of the terms of section two of this act that has been approved by  
12 the board of the metropolitan transportation authority before such  
13 repeal date.

14 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however that the  
15 amendments to paragraph (a) of subdivision 12-a of section 1266 of the  
16 public authorities law made by section one of this act shall not affect  
17 the repeal of such subdivision and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

18 PART L

19 Section 1. Section 5 of part UUU of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020  
20 amending the state finance law relating to providing funding for the  
21 Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2020-2024 capital program and  
22 paratransit operating expenses, is amended by adding a new subdivision  
23 (c) to read as follows:

24 (c) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, starting  
25 July first, two thousand twenty-five, the city will fund eighty percent  
26 of the net paratransit operating expenses of the MTA, provided that such

1 contribution shall not exceed, for each twelve-month period ending June  
2 thirtieth, the sum of: (i) fifty percent of the net paratransit operat-  
3 ing expenses and (ii) one hundred sixty-five million dollars. Net para-  
4 transit operating expenses shall be calculated monthly by the MTA and  
5 will consist of the total paratransit operating expenses of the program  
6 minus the six percent of the urban tax dedicated to paratransit services  
7 as of the effective date of this subdivision and minus any money  
8 collected as passenger fares from paratransit operations.

9 § 2. Section 9 of part UUU of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020 amending  
10 the state finance law relating to providing funding for the Metropolitan  
11 Transportation Authority 2020-2024 capital program and paratransit oper-  
12 ating expenses, as amended by section 3 of part D of chapter 58 of the  
13 laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

14 § 9. This act shall take effect immediately[; provided that sections  
15 five through seven of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed June  
16 30, 2030; and provided further that such repeal shall not affect or  
17 otherwise reduce amounts owed to the metropolitan transportation author-  
18 ity paratransit assistance fund to meet the city's share of the net  
19 paratransit operating expenses of the MTA for services provided prior to  
20 June 30, 2030].

21 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

22 PART M

23 Section 1. This act commits the state of New York and the city of New  
24 York ("city") to fund, over a multi-year period, \$6,000,000,000 in capi-  
25 tal costs related to projects contained in the Metropolitan Transporta-  
26 tion Authority ("MTA") 2025-2029 capital program ("capital program").

1 The state share of \$3,000,000,000 and the city share of \$3,000,000,000  
2 shall be provided to pay the capital costs of the capital program. The  
3 funds committed by the state and city shall be provided concurrently,  
4 and in proportion to the respective shares of each, in accordance with  
5 the funding needs of the capital program.

6 § 2. (a) No funds dedicated for operating assistance of the MTA shall  
7 be used to reduce or supplant the commitment of the state or city to  
8 provide \$6,000,000,000 pursuant to section one of this act.

9 (b) The city and state's share of funds provided concurrently pursuant  
10 to section one of this act shall be scheduled and paid to the MTA on a  
11 schedule to be determined by the state director of the budget. In order  
12 to determine the adequacy and pace of the level of state and city fund-  
13 ing in support of the MTA's capital program, and to gauge the availabil-  
14 ity of MTA capital resources planned for the capital program, the direc-  
15 tor of the budget and the city may request, and the MTA shall provide,  
16 periodic reports on the MTA's capital programs and financial activities.  
17 The city shall certify to the state comptroller and the New York state  
18 director of the budget, no later than seven days after making each  
19 payment pursuant to this section, the amount of the payments and the  
20 date upon which such payments were made.

21 § 3. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in the  
22 event the city fails to certify to the state comptroller and the New  
23 York state director of the budget that the city has paid in full any  
24 concurrent payment required by section two of this act, the New York  
25 state director of the budget shall direct the state comptroller to  
26 transfer, collect, or deposit funds in accordance with subdivision (b)  
27 of this section in an amount equal to the unpaid balance of any payment  
28 required by section two of this act, provided that any such deposits



1 shall be counted against the city share of the Metropolitan Transporta-  
2 tion Authority (MTA) 2025-2029 capital program (capital program) pursu-  
3 ant to section one of this act. Such direction shall be pursuant to a  
4 written plan or plans filed with the state comptroller, the chairperson  
5 of the senate finance committee and the chairperson of the assembly ways  
6 and means committee.

7 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and as set  
8 forth in a plan or plans submitted by the New York state director of the  
9 budget pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section, the state comp-  
10 troller is hereby directed and authorized to: (i) transfer funds author-  
11 ized by any undisbursed general fund aid to localities appropriations or  
12 state special revenue fund aid to localities appropriations, excluding  
13 debt service, fiduciary, and federal fund appropriations, to the city to  
14 the Metropolitan Transportation Authority capital assistance fund estab-  
15 lished by section 92-ii of the state finance law in accordance with such  
16 plan; and/or (ii) collect and deposit into the Metropolitan Transporta-  
17 tion Authority capital assistance fund established by section 92-ii of  
18 the state finance law funds from any other revenue source of the city,  
19 including the sales and use tax, in accordance with such plan. The state  
20 comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to make such transfers,  
21 collections and deposits as soon as practicable but not more than 3 days  
22 following the transmittal of such plan to the comptroller in accordance  
23 with subdivision (a) of this section.

24 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state's  
25 obligation and/or liability to fund any program included in general fund  
26 aid to localities appropriations or state special revenue fund aid to  
27 localities appropriations from which funds are transferred pursuant to

1 subdivision (b) of this section shall be reduced in an amount equal to  
2 such transfer or transfers.

3 § 4. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 92-ii of the state finance law,  
4 as added by section 4 of part UUU of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, are  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 2. Such fund shall consist of any monies directed thereto pursuant to  
7 the provisions of section three of [the] part UUU of [the] chapter  
8 fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand twenty [which added this  
9 section] and to the provisions of section three of the part of the chap-  
10 ter of the laws of two thousand twenty-five which amended this subdivi-  
11 sion.

12 3. All monies deposited into the fund pursuant to [the] part UUU of  
13 [the] chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand twenty [which  
14 added this section] and the part of the chapter of the laws of two thou-  
15 sand twenty-five which amended this subdivision shall be paid to the  
16 metropolitan transportation authority by the comptroller, without appro-  
17 priation, for use in the same manner as the payments required by section  
18 two of such part, as soon as practicable but not more than five days  
19 from the date the comptroller determines that the full amount of the  
20 unpaid balance of any payment required by section three of part UUU of  
21 chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand twenty and by section  
22 three of such part of the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-  
23 five which amended this subdivision has been deposited into the fund.

24 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 385-b to read as follows:

3 § 385-b. Owner liability for failure of operator to comply with weight  
4 restrictions on a covered agency and authority's facilities. 1. (a)  
5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a covered agency or authori-  
6 ty may establish a weigh-in-motion program on its facilities imposing  
7 monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator  
8 thereof to comply with gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight  
9 restrictions on such facilities in accordance with the provisions of  
10 this section. Such program shall empower the covered agency or authority  
11 to install and operate weigh-in-motion violation monitoring systems on  
12 its facilities. Such systems may be activated at locations on such  
13 portion of its facilities as determined by the covered agency or author-  
14 ity. A covered agency or authority may enter into a memorandum of agree-  
15 ment with another covered agency or authority for the purposes of coor-  
16 minating the planning, design, installation, operation, construction and  
17 maintenance of such weigh-in-motion program. Such memorandum shall  
18 address, for purposes of such program, the use of systems, devices and  
19 other facilities owned and operated by the other covered agency or  
20 authority.

21 (b) No weigh-in-motion violation monitoring system shall be used  
22 unless: (i) on the day it is to be used it has undergone a self-test  
23 for the operation of such system; and (ii) it has undergone an annual  
24 calibration check performed pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subdivi-  
25 sion. A result of the daily self-test for each such system shall include  
26 the date and time that the self-test was successfully performed. The  
27 covered agency or authority shall retain each such daily self-test until  
28 the later of the date on which the weigh-in-motion system to which it

1 applies has been permanently removed from use or the final resolution of  
2 all cases involving notices of liability issued based on photographs,  
3 microphotographs, video or other recorded images, and information and  
4 data generated in conjunction therewith, produced by such system.

5 (c) Each weigh-in-motion violation monitoring system shall undergo a  
6 calibration check every twelve months in accordance with specifications  
7 prescribed pursuant to a memorandum of agreement between the covered  
8 agency or authority and the New York state department of agriculture and  
9 markets, or in accordance with an applicable reference standard as  
10 determined by the covered agency or authority. Such calibration check  
11 shall be performed by an independent calibration laboratory, which shall  
12 issue a signed certificate of calibration on its letterhead to the  
13 covered agency or authority. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall  
14 be deemed to require the signature of a notary public on such certifi-  
15 cate. The covered agency or authority shall retain each such annual  
16 certificate of calibration on file until the final resolution of all  
17 cases involving notices of liability issued during such twelve-month  
18 time period which were based on photographs, microphotographs, video or  
19 other recorded images, and information and data generated in conjunction  
20 therewith, produced by such weigh-in-motion violation monitoring system.

21 (d) The covered agency or authority shall monitor the system by evalu-  
22 ating information and data collected from sensor readings of each weigh-  
23 in-motion violation monitoring system. The covered agency or authority  
24 shall promulgate rules for monitoring collected data, responding to  
25 system alerts, and establishing a protocol for action which may include  
26 recertification.

27 (e) Weigh-in-motion violation monitoring systems used in accordance  
28 with the weigh-in-motion program authorized pursuant to this section

1 shall be operated only on the covered agency or authority's facilities  
2 or on another agency or authority's facilities if agreed upon in a memo-  
3 randum of agreement.

4 (f) (i) No photograph, microphotograph, videotape or other recorded  
5 image, nor any information and data generated in conjunction therewith,  
6 shall be used for any purpose other than as specified in this section,  
7 except as may be otherwise provided by this paragraph. Notwithstanding  
8 the above, all information and data from weigh-in-motion violation moni-  
9 toring systems may be shared among covered agencies and authorities for  
10 the purposes of monitoring impacts to a covered agency or authority's  
11 facilities and for reporting purposes.

12 (ii) Such program shall utilize necessary technologies to ensure, to  
13 the extent practicable, that photographs, microphotographs, videotape or  
14 other recorded images produced by such weigh-in-motion violation moni-  
15 toring systems shall not include images that identify the driver, the  
16 passengers, or the contents of the vehicle. Provided, however, that no  
17 notice of liability issued pursuant to this section shall be dismissed  
18 solely because such a photograph, microphotograph, videotape or other  
19 recorded image allows for the identification of the driver, the passen-  
20 gers, or the contents of vehicles where the covered agency or authority  
21 shows that it made reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions of  
22 this paragraph in such case.

23 (iii) Photographs, microphotographs, videotape or any other recorded  
24 image, and any information and data generated in conjunction therewith,  
25 produced by a weigh-in-motion violation monitoring system shall be for  
26 the exclusive use of the covered agency or authority, or by use of  
27 another covered agency or authority adjudicating on behalf of a covered  
28 agency, for the purpose of the adjudication of liability imposed pursu-

1 ant to this section, and of the owner receiving a notice of liability  
2 pursuant to this section, and as required by the covered agency or  
3 authority to study the impact of overweight vehicles on its facilities  
4 and management of such facilities, and shall be destroyed by the covered  
5 agency or authority, or another covered agency or authority where appli-  
6 cable, upon the final resolution of the notice of liability to which  
7 such photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images  
8 and information and data generated in conjunction therewith relate, or  
9 one year following the date of issuance of such notice of liability,  
10 whichever is later. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law,  
11 rule or regulation to the contrary, photographs, microphotographs, vide-  
12 otape or any other recorded image, and information and data generated in  
13 conjunction therewith, from a weigh-in-motion violation monitoring  
14 system shall not be open to the public, nor subject to civil or criminal  
15 process or discovery, nor used by any court or administrative or adjudi-  
16 catory body in any action or proceeding therein except that which is  
17 necessary for the adjudication of a notice of liability issued pursuant  
18 to this section, and no public entity or employee, officer or agent  
19 thereof shall disclose such information, except that such photographs,  
20 microphotographs, videotape or any other recorded images, and informa-  
21 tion and data generated in conjunction therewith, from such systems:

22 (A) shall be available for inspection and copying and use by the motor  
23 vehicle owner and operator for so long as such photographs, microphoto-  
24 graphs, videotape or other recorded images, information and data are  
25 required to be maintained or are maintained by such public entity,  
26 employee, officer or agent; and

27 (B) (1) shall be furnished when described in a search warrant issued  
28 by a court authorized to issue such a search warrant pursuant to article

1 six hundred ninety of the criminal procedure law or a federal court  
2 authorized to issue such a search warrant under federal law, where such  
3 search warrant states that there is reasonable cause to believe such  
4 information constitutes evidence of, or tends to demonstrate that, a  
5 misdemeanor or felony offense was committed in this state or another  
6 state, or that a particular person participated in the commission of a  
7 misdemeanor or felony offense in this state or another state, provided,  
8 however, that if such offense was against the laws of another state, the  
9 court shall only issue a warrant if the conduct comprising such offense  
10 would, if occurring in this state, constitute a misdemeanor or felony  
11 against the laws of this state; and

12 (2) shall be furnished in response to a subpoena duces tecum signed by  
13 a judge of competent jurisdiction and issued pursuant to article six  
14 hundred ten of the criminal procedure law or a judge or magistrate of a  
15 federal court authorized to issue such a subpoena duces tecum under  
16 federal law, where the judge finds and the subpoena states that there is  
17 reasonable cause to believe such information is relevant and material to  
18 the prosecution, or the defense, or the investigation by an authorized  
19 law enforcement official, of the alleged commission of a misdemeanor or  
20 felony in this state or another state, provided, however, that if such  
21 offense was against the laws of another state, such judge or magistrate  
22 shall only issue such subpoena if the conduct comprising such offense  
23 would, if occurring in this state, constitute a misdemeanor or felony in  
24 this state; and

25 (3) may, if lawfully obtained pursuant to this clause and clause (A)  
26 of this subparagraph and otherwise admissible, be used in such criminal  
27 action or proceeding.

1 (iv) The covered agency or authority shall install signage in advance  
2 of locations where weigh-in-motion violation monitoring systems are in  
3 operation giving notice to approaching motor vehicle operators that  
4 weigh-in-motion violation monitoring systems are in use to enforce motor  
5 vehicle weight restrictions.

6 (v) The covered agency or authority shall use oversight procedures to  
7 ensure compliance with the aforementioned privacy protection measures.

8 2. If the covered agency or authority establishes a program pursuant  
9 to subdivision one of this section, the owner of a vehicle shall be  
10 liable for a penalty imposed pursuant to this section if such vehicle  
11 was used or operated with the permission of the owner, express or  
12 implied, on the covered agency's or authority's facilities in violation  
13 of section three hundred eighty-five of this article and the rules and  
14 regulations of the covered agency or authority in relation to gross  
15 vehicle weight and/or axle weight, where such vehicle was traveling ten  
16 percent or more above the gross vehicle weight or twenty percent or more  
17 above the axle weight at the time of such violation as indicated by at  
18 least two independently detected gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight  
19 measurements obtained by a weigh-in-motion violation monitoring system,  
20 and such violation is evidenced by information obtained from a weigh-in-  
21 motion violation monitoring system; provided however that no owner of a  
22 vehicle shall be liable for a penalty imposed pursuant to this section  
23 where the operator of such vehicle: has been convicted of the underlying  
24 violation of section three hundred eighty-five of this article and the  
25 rules and regulations of the covered agency or authority in relation to  
26 gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight; or operated such vehicle in  
27 accordance with the terms and conditions of any overweight permit issued  
28 in accordance with this chapter and any rules and regulations promulgat-



1 ed thereto. Where a vehicle is in violation of both gross vehicle weight  
2 restrictions and axle weight restrictions, the owner shall be liable for  
3 a separate penalty for each such violation.

4 3. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the  
5 following meanings:

6 (a) "covered agency or authority" shall mean: (i) the department of  
7 transportation established pursuant to article two of the transportation  
8 law; (ii) the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority established pursu-  
9 ant to title three of article three of the public authorities law; (iii)  
10 the state bridge authority established pursuant to title two of article  
11 three of the public authorities law; (iv) the port authority of New York  
12 and New Jersey established pursuant to chapter one hundred fifty-four of  
13 the laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one; (v) the New York city depart-  
14 ment of transportation; and (vi) the New York state thruway authority  
15 established pursuant to title nine of article two of the public authori-  
16 ties law;

17 (b) "owner" shall have the meaning provided in section two hundred  
18 thirty-nine of this chapter;

19 (c) "weigh-in-motion violation monitoring system" shall mean sensors,  
20 capable of operating independently of an enforcement officer, installed  
21 to work in conjunction with other devices to capture and record the  
22 gross vehicle weight and the axle weight of a motor vehicle, which  
23 produce at least two independently detected gross vehicle weight and/or  
24 axle weight measurements and automatically produce two or more photo-  
25 graphs, two or more microphotographs, a videotape or other recorded  
26 images of each vehicle at the time it is used or operated in violation  
27 of section three hundred eighty-five of this article and the rules and  
28 regulations of the covered agency or authority in relation to gross

1 vehicle weight and/or axle weight, in accordance with the provisions of  
2 this section;

3 (d) "weigh-in-motion program" shall mean the program authorized by  
4 this section that operates exclusively on covered agency or authority  
5 facilities;

6 (e) "covered agency or authority facilities" shall mean those sites  
7 including but not limited to roadways, bridges, and highways owned,  
8 operated and maintained by a covered agency or authority; and

9 (f) "rules and regulations of a covered agency or authority" shall  
10 mean rules and regulations of an agency or authority described in para-  
11 graph a of this subdivision.

12 4. A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed by a  
13 covered agency or authority or its agent, or a facsimile thereof, based  
14 upon inspection of photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other  
15 recorded images, and information and data generated in conjunction ther-  
16 ewith, produced by a weigh-in-motion violation monitoring system, shall  
17 be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein. Nothing  
18 contained in this subdivision shall be deemed to require the signature  
19 of a notary public on such certificate. Any photographs, microphoto-  
20 graphs, videotape or other recorded images evidencing such a violation  
21 shall include an image of the motor vehicle alleged to be in violation  
22 and the information and data generated in conjunction therewith and  
23 shall be available for inspection reasonably in advance of and at any  
24 proceeding to adjudicate the liability for such violation pursuant to  
25 this section.

26 5. An owner liable for a violation of section three hundred eighty-  
27 five of this article and the rules and regulations of a covered agency  
28 or authority pursuant to a weigh-in-motion program established pursuant

1 to this section shall be liable for monetary penalties in accordance  
2 with separate schedules of fines and penalties to be promulgated by a  
3 covered agency or authority for a violation of section three hundred  
4 eighty-five of this article and the rules and regulations of a covered  
5 agency or authority in relation to gross vehicle weight and/or axle  
6 weight. The liability of the owner pursuant to this section shall not  
7 exceed three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars for each violation or  
8 as otherwise provided for in section three hundred eighty-five of this  
9 article, whichever is higher.

10 6. An imposition of liability under the weigh-in-motion program estab-  
11 lished pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a conviction for an  
12 operator.

13 7. (a) A notice of liability shall be sent by first class mail to each  
14 person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of section three  
15 hundred eighty-five of this article and the rules and regulations of a  
16 covered agency or authority in relation to gross vehicle weight and/or  
17 axle weight pursuant to this section, within fourteen business days if  
18 such owner is a resident of this state and within forty-five business  
19 days if such owner is a non-resident. Personal delivery on the owner  
20 shall not be required. A manual or automatic record of mailing prepared  
21 in the ordinary course of business shall be prima facie evidence of the  
22 facts contained therein.

23 (b) A notice of liability shall contain the name and address of the  
24 person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of section three  
25 hundred eighty-five of this article and the rules and regulations of a  
26 covered agency or authority in relation to gross vehicle weight and/or  
27 axle weight pursuant to this section, the registration number of the  
28 vehicle involved in such violation, the gross vehicle weight and/or axle

1 weight measured, the location where such violation took place, the date  
2 and time of such violation, the identification number of the weigh-in-  
3 motion violation monitoring system which recorded the violation or other  
4 document locator number, one or more date and time stamped images iden-  
5 tifying the motor vehicle and the information and data evidencing the  
6 alleged violation, and the certificate charging the liability.

7 (c) The notice of liability shall contain information advising the  
8 person charged of the manner and the time in which they may contest the  
9 liability alleged in the notice. Such notice of liability shall also  
10 contain a prominent warning to advise the person charged that failure to  
11 contest in the manner and time provided shall be deemed an admission of  
12 liability and that a default judgment may be entered thereon.

13 (d) The notice of liability shall be prepared and mailed by the  
14 covered agency or authority, or by any other entity authorized by the  
15 covered agency or authority to prepare and mail such notice of liabil-  
16 ity.

17 8. Adjudication of the liability imposed upon owners pursuant to this  
18 section shall be by the covered agency or authority, or by any other  
19 government entity authorized by the covered agency or authority to adju-  
20 dicate such liability. If such entity is the New York city parking  
21 violations bureau, such liability imposed pursuant to this section may  
22 only occur within the city of New York.

23 9. If an owner receives a notice of liability pursuant to this section  
24 for any time period during which the vehicle or the number plate or  
25 plates of such vehicle was reported to the police department as having  
26 been stolen, it shall be a valid defense to an allegation of liability  
27 for a violation of section three hundred eighty-five of this article and  
28 the rules and regulations of the covered agency or authority in relation

1 to gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight pursuant to this section that  
2 the vehicle or the number plate or plates of such vehicle had been  
3 reported to the police as stolen prior to the time the violation  
4 occurred and had not been recovered by such time. For purposes of  
5 asserting the defense provided by this subdivision, it shall be suffi-  
6 cient that a certified copy of the police report on the stolen vehicle  
7 or number plate or plates of such vehicle be sent by first class mail to  
8 the covered agency or authority.

9 10. (a) An owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a notice of  
10 liability was issued pursuant to subdivision seven of this section shall  
11 not be liable for the violation of section three hundred eighty-five of  
12 this article and the rules and regulations of the covered agency or  
13 authority in relation to gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight pursu-  
14 ant to this section, provided that:

15 (i) prior to the violation, the lessor has filed the rental, lease or  
16 other contract document with the name and address of the lessee with the  
17 covered agency or authority in accordance with the provisions of subdi-  
18 vision ten of section twenty-nine hundred eighty-five of the public  
19 authorities law or section two hundred thirty-nine of this chapter, as  
20 applicable; and

21 (ii) within thirty-seven days after receiving notice from the covered  
22 agency or authority of the date and time of a liability, together with  
23 the other information contained in the original notice of liability, the  
24 lessor submits to such covered agency or authority the correct name and  
25 address of the lessee of the vehicle identified in the notice of liabil-  
26 ity at the time of such violation, together with such other additional  
27 information contained in the rental, lease or other contract document,

1 as may be reasonably required by the covered agency or authority pursu-  
2 ant to regulations that may be promulgated for such purpose.

3 (b) Failure to comply with subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of this  
4 subdivision shall render the lessor liable for the penalty prescribed in  
5 this section.

6 (c) Where the lessor complies with the provisions of paragraph (a) of  
7 this subdivision, the lessee of such vehicle on the date of such  
8 violation shall be deemed to be the owner of such vehicle for purposes  
9 of this section, shall be subject to liability for such violation pursu-  
10 ant to this section and shall be sent a notice of liability pursuant to  
11 subdivision seven of this section.

12 11. (a) If the owner liable for a violation of section three hundred  
13 eighty-five of this article and the rules and regulations of the covered  
14 agency or authority in relation to gross vehicle weight and/or axle  
15 weight pursuant to this section was not the operator of the vehicle at  
16 the time of the violation, the owner may maintain an action for indemni-  
17 fication against the operator.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no owner of a  
19 vehicle shall be subject to a monetary fine imposed pursuant to this  
20 section if the operator of such vehicle was operating such vehicle with-  
21 out the consent of the owner at the time such operator operated such  
22 vehicle in violation of section three hundred eighty-five of this arti-  
23 cle and the rules and regulations of the covered agency or authority in  
24 relation to gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight. For purposes of  
25 this subdivision there shall be a presumption that the operator of such  
26 vehicle was operating such vehicle with the consent of the owner at the  
27 time such operator operated such vehicle in violation of section three  
28 hundred eighty-five of this article and the rules and regulations of the

1 covered agency or authority in relation to gross vehicle weight and/or  
2 axle weight.

3 12. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the liability  
4 of an operator of a vehicle for any violation of section three hundred  
5 eighty-five of this article and the rules and regulations of the covered  
6 agency or authority in relation to gross vehicle weight and/or axle  
7 weight.

8 13. It shall be a defense to any prosecution for a violation of  
9 section three hundred eighty-five of this article and the rules and  
10 regulations of the covered agency or authority in relation to gross  
11 vehicle weight and/or axle weight pursuant to this section that such  
12 weigh-in-motion violation monitoring system was malfunctioning at the  
13 time of the alleged violation.

14 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 87 of the public officers law is amended  
15 by adding a new paragraph (v) to read as follows:

16 (v) are photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded  
17 images or information and data prepared under authority of section three  
18 hundred eighty-five-b of the vehicle and traffic law.

19 § 3. A covered agency or authority shall: (i) prior to implementing a  
20 weigh-in-motion program as authorized by section 385-b of the vehicle  
21 and traffic law, as added by section one of this act, communicate to the  
22 public the plan for the use of vehicle weigh-in-motion violation moni-  
23 toring systems to enforce vehicle weight restrictions so as to maximize  
24 awareness of such program; (ii) during the first 60-day period in which  
25 weigh-in-motion violation monitoring systems are in operation pursuant  
26 to the provisions of this act send by first class mail a written warning  
27 in lieu of a notice of liability to all owners of motor vehicles who  
28 would be held liable for failure of operators thereof to comply with

1 section 385-b of the vehicle and traffic law in relation to gross vehi-  
2 cle weight and/or axle weight, together with notice of the weigh-in-mo-  
3 tion program authorized by section 385-b of the vehicle and traffic law;  
4 and (iii) take such measures as are necessary to implement such program  
5 prior to its implementation, including promulgating any rules and regu-  
6 lations necessary for the implementation of this act.

7 § 4. The purchase or lease of equipment for a demonstration program  
8 pursuant to section 385-b of the vehicle and traffic law shall be  
9 subject to the provisions of section 103 of the general municipal law.

10 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

11 PART O

12 Section 1. Paragraph 3 of subdivision (d) of section 1111-c-1 of the  
13 vehicle and traffic law, as added by section 1 of part MM of chapter 56  
14 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

15 3. "bus operation-related traffic regulations" shall mean the follow-  
16 ing provisions set forth in chapter four of title thirty-four of the  
17 rules of the city of New York, adopted pursuant to section sixteen  
18 hundred forty-two of this chapter: 4-08(c)(3), violation of posted no  
19 standing rules prohibited-bus stop; 4-08(e)(9), general no stopping  
20 zones-bicycle lanes; 4-08(f)(1), general no standing zones-double park-  
21 ing; [and] 4-08(f)(4), general no standing zones-bus lane; 4-08(e)(12),  
22 obstructing traffic at intersection; and section eleven hundred seven-  
23 ty-five of this title.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
25 the amendments to section 1111-c-1 of the vehicle and traffic law made



1 by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section  
2 and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

3 PART P

4 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new  
5 article 44-D to read as follows:

6 ARTICLE 44-D

7 AUTHORITY FOR IMPOSITION OF SURCHARGE ON A PERMIT ISSUED FOR  
8 OBSTRUCTING OR CLOSING THE STREET FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES

9 Section 1711. Definitions.

10 1712. Establishment of surcharge for obstruction or closure of a  
11 street for construction activity.

12 1713. Application and exemptions.

13 1714. Administration and collection of surcharge.

14 1715. Limitations on assessment of surcharge.

15 1716. Judicial review.

16 § 1711. Definitions. As used in this article: 1. "Affordable housing  
17 unit" means a residential dwelling unit that must be affordable to resi-  
18 dents at or below a specific income level, provided that such level does  
19 not exceed one hundred sixty-five percent of the area median income,  
20 pursuant to statute, regulation, restrictive covenant or declaration, or  
21 pursuant to a regulatory agreement with a federal, state, or local  
22 government entity, public benefit corporation, or public housing author-  
23 ity.

24 2. "Area median income" means the income limits as defined annually by  
25 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the New

1 York, NY HUD Metro FMR Area (HMFA), as established in section three of  
2 the Housing Act of nineteen hundred thirty-seven, as amended.

3 3. "Dwelling unit" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the hous-  
4 ing maintenance code.

5 4. "Full obstruction" means the occupation of the entire length of a  
6 curb lane, vehicular travel lane, or sidewalk for construction-related  
7 activity where there is a permit issued to close such length to motor  
8 vehicles, pedestrians, or bicyclists.

9 5. "Partial obstruction" means the occupation of all or a portion of a  
10 length of a sidewalk for construction-related activity where there is a  
11 permit issued to provide a temporary pedestrian pathway, either in the  
12 curb lane, on the sidewalk, or within the building envelope of an adja-  
13 cent structure.

14 6. "Pedestrian plaza" means an area designated by the department of  
15 transportation in the city of New York for pedestrian circulation, use  
16 and enjoyment on property under the jurisdiction of such department  
17 including, but not limited to, property mapped as a public place or  
18 property within the bed of a roadway, and which may contain amenities  
19 such as tables, seating, trees, plants, lighting, bike racks, or public  
20 art.

21 7. "Person" means a natural person, co-partnership, firm, company,  
22 association, joint stock association, corporation or other like organ-  
23 ization.

24 § 1712. Establishment of surcharge for obstruction or closure of a  
25 street for construction activity. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
26 any law to the contrary, every city having a population of one million  
27 or more, acting through its local legislative body, is hereby authorized  
28 and empowered to adopt, amend or repeal local laws imposing a surcharge

1 within its territorial limits on the issuance of any permit relating to  
2 the obstruction or closure of a street or pedestrian plaza for the  
3 purpose of construction required for:

4 (a) Placing construction material on a street during working hours;

5 (b) Placing construction equipment other than cranes or derricks on a  
6 street during working hours;

7 (c) Temporarily closing a sidewalk;

8 (d) Constructing a temporary pedestrian walk in a roadway;

9 (e) Temporarily closing a roadway;

10 (f) Placing a shanty or trailer on a street;

11 (g) Crossing a sidewalk;

12 (h) Placing a crane or derrick on a street during working hours;

13 (i) Storing construction material on a street during non-working  
14 hours;

15 (j) Storing construction equipment on a street during non-working  
16 hours; or

17 (k) Other construction activity that requires the issuance of a permit  
18 by the department of transportation in a city having a population of one  
19 million or more for the obstruction or closure of a street or pedestrian  
20 plaza.

21 2. The rate of such surcharge shall be imposed based on a schedule  
22 that takes into consideration the geographical zone in which the permit  
23 is issued and in no case shall be:

24 (a) For a permit for the partial obstruction of a sidewalk, less than  
25 fifty cents or more than fifty dollars for up to and including ten line-  
26 ar feet of sidewalk per day;

1 (b) For a permit for the full obstruction of a sidewalk, less than  
2 twenty dollars or more than one thousand dollars for up to and including  
3 one hundred linear feet of sidewalk per day;

4 (c) For a permit for the full obstruction of a curb lane, less than  
5 ten dollars or more than one hundred dollars for up to and including ten  
6 linear feet of curb lane per day;

7 (d) For a permit for the full obstruction of a vehicular travel lane,  
8 less than two hundred dollars or more than two thousand dollars for up  
9 to and including one hundred linear feet of vehicular travel lane per  
10 day; and

11 (e) For a permit for the full obstruction of any portion of a pedes-  
12 trian plaza, less than ten cents or more than one dollar and twenty-five  
13 cents for up to and including ten square feet of pedestrian plaza per  
14 day.

15 3. Any local law enacted pursuant to this article may authorize a  
16 reduction of the surcharge imposed for the initial three hundred sixty-  
17 five days for which a permit has been issued, at a rate no more than:

18 (a) sixty percent of the surcharge due for days one through ninety;  
19 and

20 (b) forty percent of the surcharge due for days ninety-one through  
21 three hundred sixty-five.

22 4. Any local law enacted pursuant to this article may authorize a  
23 reduction of the surcharge imposed to the extent a permit is issued for  
24 construction relating to the creation or preservation of affordable  
25 housing units. Such reduction shall be in proportion to the percentage  
26 of affordable housing units created or preserved.

27 § 1713. Application and exemptions. 1. Surcharge to be in addition to  
28 monies owed. Any surcharge imposed under the authority of this article

1 shall be in addition to any and all other fees or taxes authorized or  
2 imposed under any other provision of law. This article shall not be  
3 construed as limiting the power of any city, county or school district  
4 to impose any other fee or tax which it is authorized to impose under  
5 any other provision of law.

6 2. Any local law enacted pursuant to this article shall exempt from  
7 the surcharge authorized herein any permit issued to:

8 (a) The state of New York, or any of its agencies, instrumentalities,  
9 public corporations or political subdivisions where it is the permittee;

10 (b) The United States of America, and any of its agencies and instru-  
11 mentalities, insofar as it is immune from taxation where it is the  
12 permittee; or

13 (c) Any person where the construction for which such permit is issued  
14 relates to the creation or preservation of affordable housing units;  
15 provided that such affordable housing units constitute no less than  
16 fifty percent of the total number of dwelling units created or preserved  
17 by such construction.

18 § 1714. Administration and collection of surcharge. 1. The surcharge  
19 authorized by section seventeen hundred twelve of this article shall be  
20 administered and collected in such manner as may be provided in local  
21 laws with such amendments in respect to administration and collection as  
22 may be enacted, including through the commencement of actions and issu-  
23 ance of tax warrants in a manner consistent with the commencement of  
24 actions and issuance of warrants pursuant to subdivisions a, b and d of  
25 section 11-1614 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

26 2. Any local law enacted pursuant to this article shall require that  
27 the surcharge be paid to the agency issuing the permit prior to the

1 issuance or renewal of such permit for the term of such permit, in a  
2 form and manner determined by such agency.

3 3. Such surcharge shall not be refundable except where a reduction for  
4 such surcharge is authorized pursuant to subdivision four of section  
5 seventeen hundred twelve of this article and an application for such  
6 reduction is filed with the department of transportation no later than:  
7 (a) eighteen months after execution of: (i) an agreement with a federal,  
8 state or local government entity, public benefit corporation or public  
9 housing authority, relating to the creation or preservation of afforda-  
10 ble housing units; or (ii) a similar instrument; or (b) eighteen months  
11 after payment of such surcharge.

12 § 1715. Limitations on assessment of surcharge. Except in the case of  
13 a willfully false or fraudulent permit application with intent to evade  
14 the surcharge authorized by the provisions of this article, no assess-  
15 ment of additional surcharge shall be made with respect to the surcharge  
16 imposed under the authority of this article, after the expiration of  
17 more than three years from the date of the permit application or renewal  
18 thereof, provided, however, that where no such application has been  
19 filed, or where there has been a change relating to the use of the  
20 street or pedestrian plaza for which a permit has been issued that would  
21 increase the amount of surcharge liability, as provided by law, the  
22 surcharge may be assessed at any time. Where a person subject to the  
23 surcharge authorized by the provisions of this article makes a change or  
24 correction to a permit that has been issued, as provided by law, an  
25 assessment may be made at any time within two years after the applica-  
26 tion for such permit was filed. Any local law enacted pursuant to this  
27 article shall authorize enforcement remedies, including but not limited  
28 to the imposition of civil penalties in an amount no greater than ten

1 percent of such surcharge where a person subject to the surcharge  
2 authorized by the provisions of this article fails to pay such surcharge  
3 by failing to submit the required permit application.

4 § 1716. Judicial review. Any final determination of the amount of any  
5 surcharge payable under this article shall be reviewable for error,  
6 illegality or unconstitutionality or any other reason whatsoever by a  
7 proceeding under article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and  
8 rules if application therefor is made to the supreme court within four  
9 months after the giving of the notice of such final determination,  
10 provided, however, that any such proceeding under article seventy-eight  
11 of the civil practice law and rules shall not be instituted by a person  
12 liable for such surcharge unless: 1. the amount of any surcharge sought  
13 to be reviewed, with such interest and penalties thereon as may be  
14 provided for by local law or regulation, shall be first deposited and  
15 there is filed an undertaking, issued by a surety company authorized to  
16 transact business in this state and approved by the superintendent of  
17 financial services of this state as to solvency and responsibility, in  
18 such amount as a justice of the supreme court shall approve to the  
19 effect that if such proceeding be dismissed or surcharge confirmed such  
20 liable person will pay all costs and charges which may accrue in the  
21 prosecution of such proceeding; or 2. at the option of such liable  
22 person, such undertaking may be in a sum sufficient to cover the  
23 surcharge, interest and penalties stated in such determination, plus the  
24 costs and charges which may accrue against such liable person in the  
25 prosecution of the proceeding, in which event the liable person shall  
26 not be required to pay such surcharge, interest or penalties as a condi-  
27 tion precedent to the application.

1 § 2. Title 11 of the administrative code of the city of New York is  
2 amended by adding a new chapter 32 to read as follows:

3 CHAPTER 32

4 SURCHARGE ON ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR OBSTRUCTING OR CLOSING THE  
5 STREET FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES

6 Section 11-3200 Applicability.

7 11-3201 Definitions.

8 11-3202 Surcharge for permit to obstruct or close the street for  
9 construction-related purposes.

10 11-3203 General powers of the commissioner of transportation.

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12 11-3205 Records to be kept.

13 11-3206 Exemptions.

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15 11-3208 Remedies exclusive.

16 11-3209 Proceedings to recover surcharge.

17 11-3210 Penalties and interest.

18 11-3211 Notices and limitations of time.

19 § 11-3200 Applicability. The provisions of this chapter shall only  
20 apply during any period in which a local law implementing article  
21 forty-four-D of the vehicle and traffic law is not in effect, except  
22 that any provision of this chapter relating to the collection, adminis-  
23 tration, or enforcement of a surcharge imposed pursuant to this chapter  
24 shall continue to be in effect during such period as it relates to such  
25 surcharge.

26 § 11-3201 Definitions. For purposes of this chapter, the following  
27 terms shall have the following meanings:



1 (a) Affordable housing unit. The term "affordable housing unit" means  
2 a residential dwelling unit that must be affordable to residents at or  
3 below a specific income level, provided that such level does not exceed  
4 one hundred sixty-five percent of the area median income, pursuant to  
5 statute, regulation, restrictive covenant or declaration, or pursuant to  
6 a regulatory agreement with a federal, state, or local government enti-  
7 ty, public benefit corporation or public housing authority.

8 (b) Area median income. The term "area median income" means the income  
9 limits as defined annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
10 Development (HUD) for the New York, NY HUD Metro FMR Area (HMFA), as  
11 established in section three of the Housing Act of nineteen hundred  
12 thirty-seven, as amended.

13 (c) Central business district. The term "central business district"  
14 means the geographic area of the borough of Manhattan south of and  
15 inclusive of sixtieth street.

16 (d) Construction permit. The term "construction permit" means a permit  
17 issued by the department of transportation relating to the obstruction  
18 or closure of a street or pedestrian plaza for the purpose of  
19 construction that is required for:

- 20 (1) Placing construction material on a street during working hours;  
21 (2) Placing construction equipment other than cranes or derricks on a  
22 street during working hours;  
23 (3) Temporarily closing a sidewalk;  
24 (4) Constructing a temporary pedestrian walk in a roadway;  
25 (5) Temporarily closing a roadway;  
26 (6) Placing a shanty or trailer on a street;  
27 (7) Crossing a sidewalk;  
28 (8) Placing a crane or derrick on a street during working hours;

1 (9) Storing construction material on a street during non-working  
2 hours;

3 (10) Storing construction equipment on a street during non-working  
4 hours; or

5 (11) Other construction activity that requires the issuance of a  
6 permit by the department of transportation for the obstruction or  
7 closure of a street or pedestrian plaza.

8 (e) Dwelling unit. The term "dwelling unit" has the meaning ascribed  
9 to such term in the housing maintenance code.

10 (f) Full obstruction. The term "full obstruction" means the occupation  
11 of the entire length of a curb lane, vehicular travel lane, or sidewalk  
12 for construction-related activity where there is a permit issued to  
13 close such length to motor vehicles, pedestrians, or bicyclists.

14 (g) Partial obstruction. The term "partial obstruction" means the  
15 occupation of all or a portion of a length of a sidewalk for construc-  
16 tion-related activity where there is a permit issued to provide a tempo-  
17 rary pedestrian pathway, either in the curb lane, on the sidewalk, or  
18 within the building envelope of an adjacent structure.

19 (h) Pedestrian plaza. The term "pedestrian plaza" means an area desig-  
20 nated by the department of transportation as such for pedestrian circu-  
21 lation, use and enjoyment on property under the jurisdiction of the  
22 department including, but not limited to, property mapped as a public  
23 place or property within the bed of a roadway, and which may contain  
24 amenities such as tables, seating, trees, plants, lighting, bike racks,  
25 or public art.

26 (i) Roadway. The term "roadway" means that portion of a street  
27 designed, improved or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of  
28 the shoulder and slope.

1 (j) Sidewalk. The term "sidewalk" means that portion of a street  
2 between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adja-  
3 cent property lines, but not including the curb, intended for the use of  
4 pedestrians.

5 § 11-3202 Surcharge for permit to obstruct or close the street for  
6 construction-related purposes. (a) A surcharge is imposed on the issu-  
7 ance of any construction permit.

8 (b) The rate of such surcharge shall be: (1) For a construction permit  
9 for the partial obstruction of a sidewalk, five dollars for up to and  
10 including ten linear feet of sidewalk per day, except for in the central  
11 business district, where the rate shall be ten dollars for up to and  
12 including ten linear feet of sidewalk per day;

13 (2) For a construction permit for the full obstruction of a sidewalk,  
14 two hundred dollars for up to and including one hundred linear feet per  
15 day, except for in the central business district where the rate shall be  
16 four hundred dollars for up to and including one hundred linear feet per  
17 day;

18 (3) For a construction permit for the full obstruction of a curb lane,  
19 fifteen dollars for up to and including ten linear feet of curb lane per  
20 day, except for in the central business district where the rate shall be  
21 thirty-five dollars for up to and including ten linear feet per day;

22 (4) For a construction permit for the full obstruction of a vehicular  
23 travel lane, three hundred dollars for up to and including one hundred  
24 linear feet of vehicular travel lane per day, except for in the central  
25 business district where the rate shall be seven hundred dollars for up  
26 to and including one hundred linear feet of vehicular travel lane per  
27 day; and

1 (5) For a construction permit for the full obstruction of any portion  
2 of a pedestrian plaza, thirty cents for up to and including ten square  
3 feet of vehicular travel lane per day, except for in the central busi-  
4 ness district where the rate shall be sixty cents for up to and includ-  
5 ing ten square feet of pedestrian plaza per day.

6 (c) Such rate shall be reduced for the initial three hundred sixty-  
7 five days for which the construction permit has been issued as follows:

8 (1) sixty percent of the surcharge due for days one through ninety;  
9 and

10 (2) forty percent of the surcharge due for days ninety-one through  
11 three hundred sixty-five.

12 (d) Such rate shall be reduced in proportion to the percentage of  
13 affordable housing units created or preserved.

14 § 11-3203 General powers of the commissioner of transportation. The  
15 commissioner of transportation is hereby authorized and empowered:

16 (a) To make, adopt and amend rules and regulations appropriate to the  
17 carrying out of this chapter and the purposes thereof;

18 (b) To prescribe methods for determining the construction permits  
19 issued or the length or area of street or pedestrian plaza obstructed;

20 (c) To require construction contractors, construction managers, design  
21 engineers, or other persons, as applicable, to maintain records with  
22 respect to streets and pedestrian plazas obstructed, and to furnish any  
23 information with respect thereto upon request to the commissioner of  
24 transportation;

25 (d) To assess, determine and readjust the surcharge imposed under this  
26 chapter;

27 (e) (1) To administer oaths and take affidavits, or to cause the  
28 employees or officers of the department of transportation to administer

1 oaths and affidavits in relation to any matter or proceeding in the  
2 exercise of their powers and duties under this chapter; and

3 (2) To subpoena and require the attendance of witnesses and the  
4 production of books, papers and documents to secure information perti-  
5 nent to the performance of such commissioner's duties pursuant to this  
6 chapter and of the enforcement of this chapter and to examine them in  
7 relation thereto, and to issue commissions for the examination of  
8 witnesses who are out of the state or unable to attend before such  
9 commissioner or excused from attendance;

10 (f) To remit penalties but not interest; and to compromise disputed  
11 claims in connection with the surcharge hereby imposed; and

12 (g) To delegate the functions hereunder to an assistant commissioner  
13 or deputy commissioner of transportation or to any employee or employees  
14 of such commissioner.

15 § 11-3204 Presumption and burden of proof; payment of surcharge. (a)  
16 If a street or pedestrian plaza is obstructed without the issuance of a  
17 valid construction permit, or if a street or pedestrian plaza is  
18 obstructed beyond the area or beyond the time period authorized in a  
19 construction permit, in a manner that would subject such obstruction to  
20 the surcharge described in section 11-3202 of this chapter, there shall  
21 be a rebuttable presumption that such obstruction is subject to the  
22 surcharge. If an obstruction is observed beyond the time period in which  
23 such obstruction was authorized in a construction permit, there shall be  
24 a rebuttable presumption that such obstruction occurred continuously  
25 until such observation. If an obstruction is observed beyond the area in  
26 which such obstruction was authorized in a construction permit, there  
27 shall be a rebuttable presumption that such obstruction occurred contin-  
28 uously from the point at which such construction permit authorized any

1 obstruction. Such presumption shall prevail until the contrary is estab-  
2 lished and the burden of proving the contrary shall be upon the person  
3 to whom the construction permit is issued. Such surcharge shall be due  
4 against the person to whom the construction permit is issued, or if no  
5 such permit was issued, against the person creating such obstruction.  
6 Any person under contract with such person for the performance of work  
7 or other activity creating such obstruction shall also be liable for  
8 such surcharge.

9 (b) For the purpose of proper administration of this chapter and to  
10 prevent evasion of the surcharge authorized under this chapter, the  
11 surcharge authorized by this chapter shall be due prior to issuance of a  
12 construction permit. The payment shall be made by the person to whom the  
13 construction permit is issued and shall be paid to the department of  
14 transportation in accordance with rules of such department.

15 (c) The surcharge shall not be refundable, except where a reduction  
16 for such surcharge is authorized pursuant to subdivision (d) of section  
17 11-3202 of this chapter and an application for such reduction is filed  
18 with the department of transportation no later than: (1) eighteen months  
19 after execution of: (i) an agreement with a federal, state or local  
20 government entity, public benefit corporation, or public housing author-  
21 ity, relating to the creation or preservation of affordable housing  
22 units; or (ii) a similar instrument; or (2) eighteen months after  
23 payment of such surcharge.

24 § 11-3205 Records to be kept. Every person to whom a construction  
25 permit has been issued shall keep records in such form and manner as the  
26 commissioner may by rule require. Such records shall be preserved for a  
27 period of three years from the date of issuance of such construction  
28 permit. Such records shall be available for inspection and examination

1 upon demand by the commissioner of transportation or the commissioner's  
2 duly authorized agent or employee.

3 § 11-3206 Exemptions. The surcharge imposed pursuant to the authority  
4 of section 11-3202 of this chapter shall not be imposed on any  
5 construction permit issued to:

6 (a) The state of New York, or any of its agencies; instrumentalities,  
7 public corporations or political subdivisions where it is the permittee;

8 (b) The United States of America, and any of its agencies and instru-  
9 mentalities, insofar as it is immune from taxation where it is the  
10 permittee; or

11 (c) Any person where the construction for which such permit is issued  
12 relates to the creation or preservation of affordable housing units  
13 provided that such affordable housing units constitute no less than  
14 fifty percent of the total number of dwelling units created or preserved  
15 by such construction.

16 § 11-3207 Determination of surcharge. If a surcharge required by  
17 section 11-3202 of this chapter is not paid, or if the amount of the  
18 surcharge that is paid is incorrect or insufficient, the amount of  
19 surcharge due shall be determined by the commissioner of transportation  
20 from such information as may be obtainable, and, if necessary, such  
21 surcharge may be estimated on the basis of factors determined by the  
22 commissioner of transportation, in accordance with the presumptions set  
23 forth in subdivision (a) of section 11-3204 of this chapter. Notice of  
24 such determination shall be given to the person liable for the payment  
25 of the surcharge. Such determination shall finally and irrevocably fix  
26 the surcharge unless the person against whom it is assessed, within  
27 ninety days after giving notice of such determination, shall apply to  
28 the hearing officer at the department of transportation for a hearing,

1 or unless the commissioner of transportation on their own motion shall  
2 redetermine the same. After such hearing, the commissioner of transpor-  
3 tation's determination shall be reviewable for error, illegality or  
4 unconstitutionality or any other reason whatsoever by a proceeding under  
5 article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules if application  
6 therefor is made to the supreme court within four months after giving of  
7 the notice of such determination. A proceeding under article seventy-  
8 eight of the civil practice law and rules shall not be instituted  
9 unless: (a) the amount of any surcharge sought to be reviewed, with  
10 penalties and interest thereon, if any, shall be first deposited with  
11 the commissioner of transportation and there shall be filed with the  
12 commissioner of transportation an undertaking, issued by a surety compa-  
13 ny authorized to transact business in this state, and approved by the  
14 superintendent of insurance of this state as to solvency and responsi-  
15 bility, in such amount as a justice of the supreme court shall approve  
16 to the effect that if such proceeding be dismissed or the surcharge  
17 confirmed, the petitioner will pay all costs and charges which may  
18 accrue in the prosecution of the proceeding; or (b) at the option of the  
19 applicant such undertaking filed with the commissioner of transportation  
20 may be in a sum sufficient to cover the surcharges, penalties and inter-  
21 est thereon stated in such determination plus the costs and charges  
22 which may accrue against it in the prosecution of the proceeding, in  
23 which event the applicant shall not be required to deposit such  
24 surcharges, penalties and interest as a condition precedent to the  
25 application.

26 § 11-3208 Remedies exclusive. The remedies provided by section 11-3207  
27 of this chapter shall be the exclusive remedy available to any person  
28 for the review of liability for the surcharge imposed by section 11-3202



1 of this chapter; and no determination or proposed determination of  
2 surchARGE shall be enjoined or reviewed by an action for declaratory  
3 judgment, an action for money had and received or by any action or  
4 proceeding other than a proceeding in the nature of a certiorari  
5 proceeding under article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and  
6 rules; provided, however, that such person may proceed by declaratory  
7 judgment if such person institutes suit within thirty days after a defi-  
8 ciency assessment is made and pays the amount of the deficiency assess-  
9 ment to the commissioner of transportation prior to the institution of  
10 such suit and posts a bond for costs as provided in section 11-3207 of  
11 this chapter.

12 § 11-3209 Proceedings to recover surcharge. (a) Whenever any person to  
13 whom a construction permit has been issued fails to pay the correct and  
14 sufficient surcharge, penalty or interest imposed by this chapter as  
15 therein provided, the commissioner of transportation shall notify the  
16 commissioner of finance of all relevant records determined necessary by  
17 the commissioner of finance to facilitate collection of such surcharge.  
18 The corporation counsel shall, upon the request of the commissioner of  
19 finance bring or cause to be brought an action to enforce the payment of  
20 the same on behalf of the city of New York in any court of the state of  
21 New York or of any other state or of the United States. If, however, the  
22 commissioner of finance in their discretion believes that any such  
23 person is about to cease business, leave the state or remove or dissi-  
24 pate the assets out of which the surcharge, penalty or interest might be  
25 satisfied, and that any such surcharge, penalty or interest will not be  
26 paid when due, the commissioner of finance may declare such surcharge,  
27 penalty or interest to be immediately due and payable and may issue a  
28 warrant immediately.

1 (b) As an additional or alternate remedy, the commissioner of finance  
2 may issue a warrant, directed to the city sheriff commanding the city  
3 sheriff to levy upon and sell the real and personal property of the  
4 person liable for the surcharge, which may be found within the city, for  
5 the payment of the amount thereof, with any penalties and interest, and  
6 the cost of executing the warrant, and to return such warrant to the  
7 commissioner of finance and to pay to the commissioner of finance the  
8 money collected by virtue thereof within sixty days after the receipt of  
9 such warrant. The city sheriff shall within five days after the receipt  
10 of the warrant file with the county clerk a copy thereof, and thereupon  
11 such clerk shall enter in the judgment docket the name of the person  
12 mentioned in the warrant and the amount of the surcharge, penalties and  
13 interest for which the warrant is issued and the date when such copy is  
14 filed. Thereupon the amount of such warrant so docketed shall become a  
15 lien upon the title to and interest in real and personal property of the  
16 person against whom the warrant is issued. The city sheriff shall then  
17 proceed upon the warrant, in the same manner, and with like effect, as  
18 that provided by law in respect to executions issued against property  
19 upon judgments of a court of record, and for services in executing the  
20 warrant the city sheriff shall be entitled to the same fees, which such  
21 city sheriff may collect in the same manner. In the discretion of the  
22 commissioner of finance a warrant of like terms, force and effect may be  
23 issued and directed to any officer or employee of the department of  
24 finance, and in the execution thereof such officer or employee shall  
25 have all the powers conferred by law upon sheriffs, but shall be enti-  
26 tled to no fee or compensation in excess of the actual expenses paid in  
27 the performance of such duty. If a warrant is returned not satisfied in  
28 full, the commissioner of finance may from time to time issue new

1 warrants and shall also have the same remedies to enforce the amount due  
2 thereunder as if the city had recovered judgment therefore and execution  
3 thereon had been returned unsatisfied.

4 (c) The commissioner of finance, if such commissioner finds that the  
5 interests of the city will not thereby be jeopardized, and upon such  
6 conditions as the commissioner of finance may require, may release any  
7 property from the lien of any warrant or vacate such warrant for unpaid  
8 surcharges, penalties and interest filed pursuant to subdivision (b) of  
9 this section, and such release or vacating of the warrant may be  
10 recorded in the office of any recording officer in which such warrant  
11 has been filed. The clerk shall thereupon cancel and discharge as of the  
12 original date of docketing the vacated warrant.

13 § 11-3210 Penalties and interest. (a) Any person failing to pay any  
14 surcharge to the commissioner of transportation within the time required  
15 by this chapter shall be subject to a penalty of five percent of the  
16 amount of surcharge due; plus interest at the rate of one percent of  
17 such surcharge for each month of delay excepting the first month after  
18 such surcharge became due; but the commissioner of transportation if  
19 satisfied that the delay was excusable, may remit all or any part of  
20 such penalty, but not interest at the rate of six percent per year. Such  
21 penalties and interest shall be paid and disposed of in the same manner  
22 as other revenues from this chapter. Unpaid penalties and interest may  
23 be enforced in the same manner as the surcharge imposed by this chapter.

24 (b) Any person failing to keep the records required by subdivision (c)  
25 of section 11-3203 of this chapter, shall, in addition to the penalties  
26 herein or elsewhere prescribed, be subject to a civil penalty in an  
27 amount up to one hundred dollars per day from the date on which a deter-  
28 mination has been made that any such person failed to keep any such

1 records until the date on which such records are provided, provided that  
2 such period shall be no greater than three years. It shall not be any  
3 defense to an action under this subdivision that the failure to keep the  
4 records was unintentional or not willful.

5 (c) The certificate of the commissioner of transportation to the  
6 effect that a surcharge has not been paid or that information has not  
7 been supplied pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, shall be  
8 presumptive evidence thereof.

9 (d) Any person failing to submit the required permit application for a  
10 construction permit and who fails to pay the surcharge authorized by the  
11 provisions of this chapter, shall, in addition to the penalties herein  
12 or elsewhere prescribed, be subject to a civil penalty in an amount no  
13 greater than ten percent of such surcharge.

14 § 11-3211 Notices and limitations of time. (a) Any notice authorized  
15 or required under the provisions of this chapter may be given by mailing  
16 the same to the person for whom it is intended in a postpaid envelope  
17 addressed to such person at the address given in the construction permit  
18 issued to such person pursuant to the rules of the city of New York or,  
19 if no permit has been issued to such person, then to such address as may  
20 be obtainable. The mailing of such notice shall be presumptive evidence  
21 of the receipt of the same by the person to whom addressed. Any period  
22 of time which is determined according to the provisions of this chapter  
23 by the giving of notice shall commence to run from the date of mailing  
24 of such notice.

25 (b) The provisions of the civil practice law and rules or any other  
26 law relative to limitations of time for the enforcement of a civil reme-  
27 dy shall not apply to any proceeding or action taken by the city to  
28 levy, appraise, assess, determine or enforce the collection of any

1 surcharge or penalty provided by this chapter. However, except in the  
2 case of a willfully false or fraudulently obtained construction permit  
3 with intent to evade the surcharge, no assessment of additional  
4 surcharge shall be made after the expiration of more than three years  
5 from the date of the issuance of a construction permit or the renewal  
6 thereof; provided, however, that where no construction permit has been  
7 issued, or where there has been a change relating to the use of the  
8 street for which a construction permit has been issued that would  
9 increase the amount of the surcharge, any additional surcharge may be  
10 assessed at any time.

11 § 3. Any local law enacted pursuant to the authority of section one of  
12 this act shall designate an agency to adopt rules and regulations to  
13 implement the provisions of such section.

14 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately, except that section two  
15 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2028.

16 PART Q

17 Section 1. The section heading, paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and subparagraph  
18 (i) of paragraph 6 of subdivision (a), subdivisions (b), (e), (f), (h),  
19 (i), (j), paragraph 3 of subdivision (g) and the opening paragraph of  
20 subdivision (m) of section 1180-e of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
21 added by chapter 421 of the laws of 2021, are amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 Owner liability for failure of operator to comply with certain posted  
24 maximum speed limits; highway construction or maintenance work area.

25 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner of  
26 transportation is hereby authorized to establish a [demonstration]

1 program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for fail-  
2 ure of an operator thereof to comply with posted maximum speed limits in  
3 a highway construction or maintenance work area located on a cont-  
4 rolled-access highway (i) when highway construction or maintenance work  
5 is occurring and a work area speed limit is in effect as provided in  
6 paragraph two of subdivision (d) or subdivision (f) of section eleven  
7 hundred eighty of this article or (ii) when highway construction or  
8 maintenance work is occurring and other speed limits are in effect as  
9 provided in subdivision (b) or (g) or paragraph one of subdivision (d)  
10 of section eleven hundred eighty of this article. Such [demonstration]  
11 program shall empower the commissioner to install photo speed violation  
12 monitoring systems within no more than twenty highway construction or  
13 maintenance work areas located on controlled-access highways and to  
14 operate such systems within such work areas (iii) when highway  
15 construction or maintenance work is occurring and a work area speed  
16 limit is in effect as provided in paragraph two of subdivision (d) or  
17 subdivision (f) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article or (iv)  
18 when highway construction or maintenance work is occurring and other  
19 speed limits are in effect as provided in subdivision (b) or (g) or  
20 paragraph one of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eighty of  
21 this article. The commissioner, in consultation with the superintendent  
22 of the division of state police, shall determine the location of the  
23 highway construction or maintenance work areas located on a controlled-  
24 access highway in which to install and operate photo speed violation  
25 monitoring systems. In selecting a highway construction or maintenance  
26 work area in which to install and operate a photo speed violation moni-  
27 toring system, the commissioner shall consider criteria including, but  
28 not limited to, the speed data, crash history, and roadway geometry

1 applicable to such highway construction or maintenance work area. A  
2 photo speed violation monitoring system shall not be installed or oper-  
3 ated on a controlled-access highway exit ramp.

4 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, [after holding a public  
5 hearing in accordance with the public officers law and subsequent  
6 approval of the establishment of a demonstration program in accordance  
7 with this section by a majority of the members of the entire board of  
8 the thruway authority,] the chair of the thruway authority is hereby  
9 authorized to establish a [demonstration] program imposing monetary  
10 liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof  
11 to comply with posted maximum speed limits in a highway construction or  
12 maintenance work area located on the thruway (i) when highway  
13 construction or maintenance work is occurring and a work area speed  
14 limit is in effect as provided in paragraph two of subdivision (d) or  
15 subdivision (f) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article or (ii)  
16 when highway construction or maintenance work is occurring and other  
17 speed limits are in effect as provided in subdivision (b) or (g) or  
18 paragraph one of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eighty of  
19 this article. Such [demonstration] program shall empower the chair to  
20 install photo speed violation monitoring systems within no more than ten  
21 highway construction or maintenance work areas located on the thruway  
22 and to operate such systems within such work areas (iii) when highway  
23 construction or maintenance work is occurring and a work area speed  
24 limit is in effect as provided in paragraph two of subdivision (d) or  
25 subdivision (f) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article or (iv)  
26 when highway construction or maintenance work is occurring and other  
27 speed limits are in effect as provided in subdivision (b) or (g) or  
28 paragraph one of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eighty of

1 this article. The chair, in consultation with the superintendent of the  
2 division of state police, shall determine the location of the highway  
3 construction or maintenance work areas located on the thruway in which  
4 to install and operate photo speed violation monitoring systems. In  
5 selecting a highway construction or maintenance work area in which to  
6 install and operate a photo speed violation monitoring system, the chair  
7 shall consider criteria including, but not limited to, the speed data,  
8 crash history, and roadway geometry applicable to such highway  
9 construction or maintenance work area. A photo speed violation monitor-  
10 ing system shall not be installed or operated on a thruway exit ramp.

11 4. Operators of photo speed violation monitoring systems shall have  
12 completed training in the procedures for setting up, testing, and oper-  
13 ating such systems. Each such operator shall complete and sign a daily  
14 set-up log for each such system that [he or she] the operator operates  
15 that (i) states the date and time when, and the location where, the  
16 system was set up that day, and (ii) states that such operator success-  
17 fully performed, and the system passed, the self-tests of such system  
18 before producing a recorded image that day. The commissioner or the  
19 chair, as applicable, shall retain each such daily log until the later  
20 of the date on which the photo speed violation monitoring system to  
21 which it applies has been permanently removed from use or the final  
22 resolution of all cases involving notices of liability issued based on  
23 photographs, microphotographs, video or other recorded images produced  
24 by such system.

25 (i) Such [demonstration] program shall utilize necessary technologies  
26 to ensure, to the extent practicable, that photographs, microphoto-  
27 graphs, videotape or other recorded images produced by such photo speed  
28 violation monitoring systems shall not include images that identify the



1 driver, the passengers, or the contents of the vehicle. Provided,  
2 however, that no notice of liability issued pursuant to this section  
3 shall be dismissed solely because such a photograph, microphotograph,  
4 videotape or other recorded image allows for the identification of the  
5 driver, the passengers, or the contents of vehicles where the commis-  
6 sioner or the chair, as applicable, shows that they made reasonable  
7 efforts to comply with the provisions of this paragraph in such case.

8 (b) If the commissioner or chair establishes a [demonstration] program  
9 pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section, the owner of a vehicle  
10 shall be liable for a penalty imposed pursuant to this section if such  
11 vehicle was used or operated with the permission of the owner, express  
12 or implied, within a highway construction or maintenance work area  
13 located on a controlled-access highway or on the thruway in violation of  
14 paragraph two of subdivision (d) or subdivision (f), or when other speed  
15 limits are in effect in violation of subdivision (b) or (g) or paragraph  
16 one of subdivision (d), of section eleven hundred eighty of this arti-  
17 cle, such vehicle was traveling at a speed of more than ten miles per  
18 hour above the posted speed limit in effect within such highway  
19 construction or maintenance work area, and such violation is evidenced  
20 by information obtained from a photo speed violation monitoring system;  
21 provided however that no owner of a vehicle shall be liable for a penal-  
22 ty imposed pursuant to this section where the operator of such vehicle  
23 has been convicted of the underlying violation of subdivision (b), (d),  
24 (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article.

25 (e) An owner liable for a violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or  
26 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to a  
27 [demonstration] program established pursuant to this section shall be  
28 liable for monetary penalties not to exceed fifty dollars for a first

1 violation, [seventy-five] one hundred twenty-five dollars for a second  
2 violation both of which were committed within a period of eighteen  
3 months, and one hundred seventy-five dollars for a third or subsequent  
4 violation all of which were committed within a period of eighteen  
5 months; provided, however, that an additional penalty not in excess of  
6 twenty-five dollars for each violation may be imposed for the failure to  
7 respond to a notice of liability within the prescribed time period.

8 (f) An imposition of liability under the [demonstration] program  
9 established pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a conviction as  
10 an operator and shall not be made part of the operating record of the  
11 person upon whom such liability is imposed nor shall it be used for  
12 insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

13 3. The notice of liability shall contain information advising the  
14 person charged of the manner and the time in which [he or she] the owner  
15 may contest the liability alleged in the notice. Such notice of liabil-  
16 ity shall also contain a prominent warning to advise the person charged  
17 that failure to contest in the manner and time provided shall be deemed  
18 an admission of liability and that a default judgment may be entered  
19 thereon.

20 (h) Adjudication of the liability imposed upon owners of this section  
21 shall be by a traffic violations bureau established pursuant to section  
22 three hundred seventy of the general municipal law where the violation  
23 occurred or, if there be none, by [the court having jurisdiction over  
24 traffic infractions where the violation occurred, except that if a city  
25 has established an administrative tribunal to hear and determine  
26 complaints of traffic infractions constituting parking, standing or  
27 stopping violations such city may, by local law, authorize such adjudi-  
28 cation by such tribunal], a hearing officer designated by the commis-

1 sioner of motor vehicles provided, however, if a city with a population  
2 of one million or more has established an administrative tribunal to  
3 hear and determine complaints of traffic infractions constituting park-  
4 ing, standing or stopping violations, such tribunal shall adjudicate  
5 liability pursuant to this section.

6 (i) If an owner receives a notice of liability pursuant to this  
7 section for any time period during which the vehicle or the number plate  
8 or plates of such vehicle was reported to the police department as  
9 having been stolen, it shall be a valid defense to an allegation of  
10 liability for a violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section  
11 eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section that the  
12 vehicle or the number plate or plates of such vehicle had been reported  
13 to the police as stolen prior to the time the violation occurred and had  
14 not been recovered by such time. For purposes of asserting the defense  
15 provided by this subdivision, it shall be sufficient that a certified  
16 copy of the police report on the stolen vehicle or number plate or  
17 plates of such vehicle be sent by first class mail to the [traffic  
18 violations bureau, court having jurisdiction or parking violations  
19 bureau] department of transportation or thruway authority as applicable.

20 (j) 1. [Where the adjudication of liability imposed upon owners pursu-  
21 ant to this section is by a traffic violations bureau or a court having  
22 jurisdiction, an] An owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a  
23 notice of liability was issued pursuant to subdivision (g) of this  
24 section shall not be liable for the violation of subdivision (b), (d),  
25 (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to  
26 this section, provided that [he or she] the owner sends to the [traffic  
27 violations bureau or court having jurisdiction] commissioner or chair as  
28 applicable a copy of the rental, lease or other such contract document

1 covering such vehicle on the date of the violation, with the name and  
2 address of the lessee clearly legible, within thirty-seven days after  
3 receiving notice from the [bureau or court] commissioner or chair as  
4 applicable of the date and time of such violation, together with the  
5 other information contained in the original notice of liability. Failure  
6 to send such information within such thirty-seven day time period shall  
7 render the owner liable for the penalty prescribed by this section.  
8 Where the lessor complies with the provisions of this paragraph, the  
9 lessee of such vehicle on the date of such violation shall be deemed to  
10 be the owner of such vehicle for purposes of this section, shall be  
11 subject to liability for the violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or  
12 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this  
13 section and shall be sent a notice of liability pursuant to subdivision  
14 (g) of this section.

15 2. [(i)] In a city which, by local law, has authorized the adjudi-  
16 cation of liability imposed upon owners by this section by a parking  
17 violations bureau, an owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a  
18 notice of liability was issued pursuant to subdivision (g) of this  
19 section shall not be liable for the violation of subdivision (b), (d),  
20 (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article, provided  
21 that:

22 [(A)] (i) prior to the violation, the lessor has filed with the bureau  
23 in accordance with the provisions of section two hundred thirty-nine of  
24 this chapter; and

25 [(B)] (ii) within thirty-seven days after receiving notice from the  
26 [bureau] chair or commissioner as applicable of the date and time of a  
27 liability, together with the other information contained in the original  
28 notice of liability, the lessor submits to the bureau the correct name

1 and address of the lessee of the vehicle identified in the notice of  
2 liability at the time of such violation, together with such other addi-  
3 tional information contained in the rental, lease or other contract  
4 document, as may be reasonably required by the [bureau] chair or commis-  
5 sioner as applicable pursuant to regulations that may be promulgated for  
6 such purpose.

7 [(ii)] 3. Failure to comply with [clause (B) of subparagraph (i) of]  
8 this [paragraph] subdivision shall render the owner liable for the  
9 penalty prescribed in this section.

10 [(iii)] 4. Where the lessor complies with the provisions of this  
11 [paragraph] subdivision, the lessee of such vehicle on the date of such  
12 violation shall be deemed to be the owner of such vehicle for purposes  
13 of this section, shall be subject to liability for such violation pursu-  
14 ant to this section and shall be sent a notice of liability pursuant to  
15 subdivision (g) of this section.

16 If the commissioner or chair adopts a [demonstration] program pursuant  
17 to subdivision (a) of this section the commissioner or chair, as appli-  
18 cable, shall [conduct a study and] submit a report on or before [May  
19 first, two thousand twenty-four and a report on or before] May first,  
20 two thousand twenty-six on the results of the use of photo devices to  
21 the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of  
22 the assembly. The commissioner or chair shall also make such reports  
23 available on their public-facing websites, provided that they may  
24 provide aggregate data from paragraph one of this subdivision if the  
25 commissioner or chair finds that publishing specific location data would  
26 jeopardize public safety. Such report shall include:

27 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section  
28 1180-h to read as follows:

1 § 1180-h. Owner liability for failure of operator to comply with  
2 certain posted maximum speed limits; Triborough bridge and tunnel  
3 project highway construction or maintenance work area. (a) 1. Notwith-  
4 standing any other provision of law, the Triborough bridge and tunnel  
5 authority, a body corporate and politic constituting a public benefit  
6 corporation created and constituted pursuant to title three of article  
7 three of the public authorities law, is hereby authorized to establish a  
8 program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for fail-  
9 ure of an operator thereof to comply with posted maximum speed limits in  
10 a construction or maintenance work area located at any Triborough bridge  
11 and tunnel authority project referred to in subdivision nine of section  
12 five hundred fifty-three of the public authorities law, or as otherwise  
13 provided in an applicable interagency agreement, (i) when construction  
14 or maintenance work is occurring and a work area speed limit is in  
15 effect as provided in paragraph two of subdivision (d) or subdivision  
16 (f) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article or (ii) when  
17 construction or maintenance work is occurring and other speed limits are  
18 in effect as provided in subdivision (b) or (g) or paragraph one of  
19 subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article. Such  
20 program shall empower the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority to  
21 install photo speed violation monitoring systems within construction or  
22 maintenance work areas located at Triborough bridge and tunnel authority  
23 projects and to operate such systems within such work areas (iii) when  
24 construction or maintenance work is occurring and a work area speed  
25 limit is in effect as provided in paragraph two of subdivision (d) or  
26 subdivision (f) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article or (iv)  
27 when construction or maintenance work is occurring and other speed  
28 limits are in effect as provided in subdivision (b) or (g) or paragraph

1 one of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article.  
2 The Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall determine the location  
3 of the construction or maintenance work areas located at a Triborough  
4 bridge and tunnel authority project in which to install and operate  
5 photo speed violation monitoring systems. In selecting a construction or  
6 maintenance work area in which to install and operate a photo speed  
7 violation monitoring system, the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority  
8 shall consider criteria including, but not limited to, the speed data,  
9 crash history, and roadway geometry applicable to such construction or  
10 maintenance work area.

11 2. No photo speed violation monitoring system shall be used in a  
12 construction or maintenance work area unless (i) on the day it is to be  
13 used it has successfully passed a self-test of its functions; and (ii)  
14 it has undergone an annual calibration check performed pursuant to para-  
15 graph four of this subdivision. The Triborough bridge and tunnel author-  
16 ity shall install signs giving notice that a photo speed violation moni-  
17 toring system is in use, in conformance with standards established in  
18 the MUTCD.

19 3. Operators of photo speed violation monitoring systems shall have  
20 completed training in the procedures for setting up, testing, and oper-  
21 ating such systems. Each such operator shall complete and sign a daily  
22 set-up log for each such system that the operator operates that (i)  
23 states the date and time when, and the location where, the system was  
24 set up that day, and (ii) states that such operator successfully  
25 performed, and the system passed, the self-tests of such system before  
26 producing a recorded image that day. The Triborough bridge and tunnel  
27 authority shall retain each such daily log until the later of the date  
28 on which the photo speed violation monitoring system to which it applies

1 has been permanently removed from use or the final resolution of all  
2 cases involving notices of liability issued based on photographs, micro-  
3 photographs, video or other recorded images produced by such system.

4 4. Each photo speed violation monitoring system shall undergo an annu-  
5 al calibration check performed by an independent calibration laboratory  
6 which shall issue a signed certificate of calibration. The Triborough  
7 bridge and tunnel authority shall keep each such annual certificate of  
8 calibration on file until the final resolution of all cases involving a  
9 notice of liability issued during such year which were based on photo-  
10 graphs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images produced by  
11 such photo speed violation monitoring system.

12 5. (i) Such program shall utilize necessary technologies to ensure, to  
13 the extent practicable, that photographs, microphotographs, videotape or  
14 other recorded images produced by such photo speed violation monitoring  
15 systems shall not include images that identify the driver, the passen-  
16 gers, or the contents of the vehicle. Provided, however, that no notice  
17 of liability issued pursuant to this section shall be dismissed solely  
18 because such a photograph, microphotograph, videotape or other recorded  
19 image allows for the identification of the driver, the passengers, or  
20 the contents of vehicles where the Triborough bridge and tunnel authori-  
21 ty shows that it made reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions  
22 of this paragraph in such case.

23 (ii) Photographs, microphotographs, videotape or any other recorded  
24 image from a photo speed violation monitoring system shall be for the  
25 exclusive use of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority for the  
26 purpose of the adjudication of liability imposed pursuant to this  
27 section and of the owner receiving a notice of liability pursuant to  
28 this section, and shall be destroyed by the Triborough bridge and tunnel



1 authority upon the final resolution of the notice of liability to which  
2 such photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images  
3 relate, or one year following the date of issuance of such notice of  
4 liability, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the provisions of any  
5 other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, photographs, microphoto-  
6 graphs, videotape or any other recorded image from a photo speed  
7 violation monitoring system shall not be open to the public, nor subject  
8 to civil or criminal process or discovery, nor used by any court or  
9 administrative or adjudicatory body in any action or proceeding therein  
10 except that which is necessary for the adjudication of a notice of  
11 liability issued pursuant to this section, and no public entity or  
12 employee, officer or agent thereof shall disclose such information,  
13 except that such photographs, microphotographs, videotape or any other  
14 recorded images from such systems:

15 (A) shall be available for inspection and copying and use by the motor  
16 vehicle owner and operator for so long as such photographs, microphoto-  
17 graphs, videotape or other recorded images are required to be maintained  
18 or are maintained by such public entity, employee, officer or agent; and

19 (B) (1) shall be furnished when described in a search warrant issued  
20 by a court authorized to issue such a search warrant pursuant to article  
21 six hundred ninety of the criminal procedure law or a federal court  
22 authorized to issue such a search warrant under federal law, where such  
23 search warrant states that there is reasonable cause to believe such  
24 information constitutes evidence of, or tends to demonstrate that, a  
25 misdemeanor or felony offense was committed in this state or another  
26 state, or that a particular person participated in the commission of a  
27 misdemeanor or felony offense in this state or another state, provided,  
28 however, that if such offense was against the laws of another state, the

1 court shall only issue a warrant if the conduct comprising such offense  
2 would, if occurring in this state, constitute a misdemeanor or felony  
3 against the laws of this state; and

4 (2) shall be furnished in response to a subpoena duces tecum signed by  
5 a judge of competent jurisdiction and issued pursuant to article six  
6 hundred ten of the criminal procedure law or a judge or magistrate of a  
7 federal court authorized to issue such a subpoena duces tecum under  
8 federal law, where the judge finds and the subpoena states that there is  
9 reasonable cause to believe such information is relevant and material to  
10 the prosecution, or the defense, or the investigation by an authorized  
11 law enforcement official, of the alleged commission of a misdemeanor or  
12 felony in this state or another state, provided, however, that if such  
13 offense was against the laws of another state, such judge or magistrate  
14 shall only issue such subpoena if the conduct comprising such offense  
15 would, if occurring in this state, constitute a misdemeanor or felony in  
16 this state; and

17 (3) may, if lawfully obtained pursuant to this clause and clause (A)  
18 of this subparagraph and otherwise admissible, be used in such criminal  
19 action or proceeding.

20 (b) The owner of a vehicle shall be liable for a penalty imposed  
21 pursuant to this section if such vehicle was used or operated with the  
22 permission of the owner, express or implied, within a construction or  
23 maintenance work area located at a Triborough bridge and tunnel authori-  
24 ty project in violation of paragraph two of subdivision (d) or subdivi-  
25 sion (f), or when other speed limits are in effect in violation of  
26 subdivision (b) or (g) or paragraph one of subdivision (d) of section  
27 eleven hundred eighty of this article, such vehicle was traveling at a  
28 speed of more than ten miles per hour above the posted speed limit in

1 effect within such construction or maintenance work area, and such  
2 violation is evidenced by information obtained from a photo speed  
3 violation monitoring system; provided however that no owner of a vehicle  
4 shall be liable for a penalty imposed pursuant to this section where the  
5 operator of such vehicle has been convicted of the underlying violation  
6 of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of  
7 this article.

8 (c) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the  
9 following meanings:

10 1. "manual on uniform traffic control devices" or "MUTCD" shall mean  
11 the manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control  
12 devices maintained by the commissioner of transportation pursuant to  
13 section sixteen hundred eighty of this chapter;

14 2. "owner" shall have the meaning provided in article two-B of this  
15 chapter;

16 3. "photo speed violation monitoring system" shall mean a vehicle  
17 sensor installed to work in conjunction with a speed measuring device  
18 which automatically produces two or more photographs, two or more micro-  
19 photographs, a videotape or other recorded images of each vehicle at the  
20 time it is used or operated in a construction or maintenance work area  
21 located at a Triborough bridge and tunnel authority project in violation  
22 of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of  
23 this article in accordance with the provisions of this section;

24 4. "Triborough bridge and tunnel authority projects" shall mean the  
25 projects referred to in subdivision nine of section five hundred fifty-  
26 three of the public authorities law, or as otherwise provided in an  
27 applicable interagency agreement.

1 (d) A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed by  
2 the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority or its agent as applicable,  
3 or a facsimile thereof, based upon inspection of photographs, micropho-  
4 tographs, videotape or other recorded images produced by a photo speed  
5 violation monitoring system, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts  
6 contained therein. Any photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other  
7 recorded images evidencing such a violation shall include at least two  
8 date and time stamped images of the rear of the motor vehicle that  
9 include the same stationary object near the motor vehicle to the extent  
10 practicable and shall be available for inspection reasonably in advance  
11 of and at any proceeding to adjudicate the liability for such violation  
12 pursuant to this section.

13 (e) An owner liable for a violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or  
14 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to a  
15 program established pursuant to this section shall be liable for mone-  
16 tary penalties not to exceed fifty dollars for a first violation, one  
17 hundred twenty-five dollars for a second violation both of which were  
18 committed within a period of eighteen months, and one hundred seventy-  
19 five dollars for a third or subsequent violation all of which were  
20 committed within a period of eighteen months; provided, however, that an  
21 additional penalty not in excess of twenty-five dollars for each  
22 violation may be imposed for the failure to respond to a notice of  
23 liability within the prescribed time period.

24 (f) An imposition of liability under the program established pursuant  
25 to this section shall not be deemed a conviction as an operator and  
26 shall not be made part of the operating record of the person upon whom  
27 such liability is imposed nor shall it be used for insurance purposes in  
28 the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

1 (g) 1. A notice of liability shall be sent by first class mail to each  
2 person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of subdivision  
3 (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article  
4 pursuant to this section, within fourteen business days if such owner is  
5 a resident of this state and within forty-five business days if such  
6 owner is a non-resident. Personal delivery on the owner shall not be  
7 required. A manual or automatic record of mailing prepared in the ordi-  
8 nary course of business shall be prima facie evidence of the facts  
9 contained therein.

10 2. A notice of liability shall contain the name and address of the  
11 person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of subdivision  
12 (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article  
13 pursuant to this section, the registration number of the vehicle  
14 involved in such violation, the location where such violation took  
15 place, the date and time of such violation, the identification number of  
16 the camera which recorded the violation or other document locator  
17 number, at least two date and time stamped images of the rear of the  
18 motor vehicle that include the same stationary object near the motor  
19 vehicle to the extent practicable, and the certificate charging the  
20 liability.

21 3. The notice of liability shall contain information advising the  
22 person charged of the manner and the time in which such person may  
23 contest the liability alleged in the notice. Such notice of liability  
24 shall also contain a prominent warning to advise the person charged that  
25 failure to contest in the manner and time provided shall be deemed an  
26 admission of liability and that a default judgment may be entered there-  
27 on.

1 4. The notice of liability shall be prepared and mailed by the Tribor-  
2 ough bridge and tunnel authority or by any other entity authorized by  
3 the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority to prepare and mail such  
4 notice of liability.

5 (h) Adjudication of the liability imposed upon owners of this section  
6 shall be by the New York city parking violations bureau.

7 (i) If an owner receives a notice of liability pursuant to this  
8 section for any time period during which the vehicle or the number plate  
9 or plates of such vehicle was reported to the police department as  
10 having been stolen, it shall be a valid defense to an allegation of  
11 liability for a violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section  
12 eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section that the  
13 vehicle or the number plate or plates of such vehicle had been reported  
14 to the police as stolen prior to the time the violation occurred and had  
15 not been recovered by such time. For purposes of asserting the defense  
16 provided by this subdivision, it shall be sufficient that a certified  
17 copy of the police report on the stolen vehicle or number plate or  
18 plates of such vehicle be sent by first class mail to the Triborough  
19 bridge and tunnel authority.

20 (j) 1. An owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a notice of  
21 liability was issued pursuant to subdivision (g) of this section shall  
22 not be liable for the violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of  
23 section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section,  
24 provided that the owner sends to the Triborough Bridge and tunnel  
25 authority a copy of the rental, lease or other such contract document  
26 covering such vehicle on the date of the violation, with the name and  
27 address of the lessee clearly legible, within thirty-seven days after  
28 receiving notice from the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority of the

1 date and time of such violation, together with the other information  
2 contained in the original notice of liability. Failure to send such  
3 information within such thirty-seven-day time period shall render the  
4 owner liable for the penalty prescribed by this section. Where the  
5 lessor complies with the provisions of this paragraph, the lessee of  
6 such vehicle on the date of such violation shall be deemed to be the  
7 owner of such vehicle for purposes of this section, shall be subject to  
8 liability for the violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of  
9 section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section  
10 and shall be sent a notice of liability pursuant to subdivision (g) of  
11 this section.

12 2. An owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a notice of liabil-  
13 ity was issued pursuant to subdivision (g) of this section shall not be  
14 liable for the violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section  
15 eleven hundred eighty of this article, provided that:

16 (i) prior to the violation, the lessor has filed with the bureau in  
17 accordance with the provisions of section two hundred thirty-nine of  
18 this chapter; and

19 (ii) within thirty-seven days after receiving notice from the Tribor-  
20 ough bridge and tunnel authority of the date and time of a liability,  
21 together with the other information contained in the original notice of  
22 liability, the lessor submits to the Triborough bridge and tunnel  
23 authority the correct name and address of the lessee of the vehicle  
24 identified in the notice of liability at the time of such violation,  
25 together with such other additional information contained in the rental,  
26 lease or other contract document, as may be reasonably required by the  
27 Triborough bridge and tunnel authority pursuant to regulations that may  
28 be promulgated for such purpose.

1 3. Failure to comply with this subdivision shall render the owner  
2 liable for the penalty prescribed in this section.

3 4. Where the lessor complies with the provisions of this subdivision,  
4 the lessee of such vehicle on the date of such violation shall be deemed  
5 to be the owner of such vehicle for purposes of this section, shall be  
6 subject to liability for such violation pursuant to this section and  
7 shall be sent a notice of liability pursuant to subdivision (g) of this  
8 section.

9 (k) 1. If the owner liable for a violation of subdivision (b), (d),  
10 (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to  
11 this section was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the  
12 violation, the owner may maintain an action for indemnification against  
13 the operator.

14 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no owner of a  
15 vehicle shall be subject to a monetary fine imposed pursuant to this  
16 section if the operator of such vehicle was operating such vehicle with-  
17 out the consent of the owner at the time such operator operated such  
18 vehicle in violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section  
19 eleven hundred eighty of this article. For purposes of this subdivision  
20 there shall be a presumption that the operator of such vehicle was oper-  
21 ating such vehicle with the consent of the owner at the time such opera-  
22 tor operated such vehicle in violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or  
23 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article.

24 (l) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the liability  
25 of an operator of a vehicle for any violation of subdivision (b), (d),  
26 (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article.

27 (m) It shall be a defense to any prosecution for a violation of subdivi-  
28 vision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this



1 article pursuant to this section that such photo speed violation moni-  
2 toring system was malfunctioning at the time of the alleged violation.

3 § 3. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section  
4 1180-i to read as follows:

5 § 1180-i. Owner liability for failure of operator to comply with  
6 certain posted maximum speed limits; New York state bridge authority  
7 project highway construction or maintenance work area. (a) 1. Notwith-  
8 standing any other provision of law, the New York state bridge authority  
9 "bridge authority", a body corporate and politic constituting a public  
10 benefit corporation created and constituted pursuant to title two of  
11 article three of the public authorities law, is hereby authorized to  
12 establish a program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehi-  
13 cle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with posted maximum  
14 speed limits in a construction or maintenance work area located at any  
15 bridge authority project referred to in subdivision ten or ten-a of  
16 section five hundred twenty-eight of the public authorities law, or as  
17 otherwise provided in an applicable interagency agreement, (i) when  
18 construction or maintenance work is occurring and a work area speed  
19 limit is in effect as provided in paragraph two of subdivision (d) or  
20 subdivision (f) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article or (ii)  
21 when construction or maintenance work is occurring and other speed  
22 limits are in effect as provided in subdivision (b) or (g) or paragraph  
23 one of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article.  
24 Such program shall empower the bridge authority to install photo speed  
25 violation monitoring systems within construction or maintenance work  
26 areas located at bridge authority projects and to operate such systems  
27 within such work areas (iii) when construction or maintenance work is  
28 occurring and a work area speed limit is in effect as provided in para-

1 graph two of subdivision (d) or subdivision (f) of section eleven  
2 hundred eighty of this article or (iv) when construction or maintenance  
3 work is occurring and other speed limits are in effect as provided in  
4 subdivision (b) or (g) or paragraph one of subdivision (d) of section  
5 eleven hundred eighty of this article. The bridge authority shall deter-  
6 mine the location of the construction or maintenance work areas located  
7 at a bridge authority project in which to install and operate photo  
8 speed violation monitoring systems. In selecting a construction or main-  
9 tenance work area in which to install and operate a photo speed  
10 violation monitoring system, the bridge authority shall consider crite-  
11 ria including, but not limited to, the speed data, crash history, and  
12 roadway geometry applicable to such construction or maintenance work  
13 area.

14 2. No photo speed violation monitoring system shall be used in a  
15 construction or maintenance work area unless (i) on the day it is to be  
16 used it has successfully passed a self-test of its functions; and (ii)  
17 it has undergone an annual calibration check performed pursuant to para-  
18 graph four of this subdivision. The bridge authority shall install signs  
19 giving notice that a photo speed violation monitoring system is in use,  
20 in conformance with standards established in the MUTCD.

21 3. Operators of photo speed violation monitoring systems shall have  
22 completed training in the procedures for setting up, testing, and oper-  
23 ating such systems. Each such operator shall complete and sign a daily  
24 set-up log for each such system that the operator operates that (i)  
25 states the date and time when, and the location where, the system was  
26 set up that day, and (ii) states that such operator successfully  
27 performed, and the system passed, the self-tests of such system before  
28 producing a recorded image that day. The bridge authority shall retain

1 each such daily log until the later of the date on which the photo speed  
2 violation monitoring system to which it applies has been permanently  
3 removed from use or the final resolution of all cases involving notices  
4 of liability issued based on photographs, microphotographs, video or  
5 other recorded images produced by such system.

6 4. Each photo speed violation monitoring system shall undergo an annu-  
7 al calibration check performed by an independent calibration laboratory  
8 which shall issue a signed certificate of calibration. The bridge  
9 authority shall keep each such annual certificate of calibration on file  
10 until the final resolution of all cases involving a notice of liability  
11 issued during such year which were based on photographs, microphoto-  
12 graphs, videotape or other recorded images produced by such photo speed  
13 violation monitoring system.

14 5. (i) Such program shall utilize necessary technologies to ensure, to  
15 the extent practicable, that photographs, microphotographs, videotape or  
16 other recorded images produced by such photo speed violation monitoring  
17 systems shall not include images that identify the driver, the passen-  
18 gers, or the contents of the vehicle. Provided, however, that no notice  
19 of liability issued pursuant to this section shall be dismissed solely  
20 because such a photograph, microphotograph, videotape or other recorded  
21 image allows for the identification of the driver, the passengers, or  
22 the contents of vehicles where the bridge authority shows that it made  
23 reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions of this paragraph in  
24 such case.

25 (ii) Photographs, microphotographs, videotape or any other recorded  
26 image from a photo speed violation monitoring system shall be for the  
27 exclusive use of the bridge authority for the purpose of the adjudi-  
28 cation of liability imposed pursuant to this section and of the owner

1 receiving a notice of liability pursuant to this section, and shall be  
2 destroyed by the bridge authority upon the final resolution of the  
3 notice of liability to which such photographs, microphotographs, vide-  
4 otape or other recorded images relate, or one year following the date of  
5 issuance of such notice of liability, whichever is later. Notwithstand-  
6 ing the provisions of any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary,  
7 photographs, microphotographs, videotape or any other recorded image  
8 from a photo speed violation monitoring system shall not be open to the  
9 public, nor subject to civil or criminal process or discovery, nor used  
10 by any court or administrative or adjudicatory body in any action or  
11 proceeding therein except that which is necessary for the adjudication  
12 of a notice of liability issued pursuant to this section, and no public  
13 entity or employee, officer or agent thereof shall disclose such infor-  
14 mation, except that such photographs, microphotographs, videotape or any  
15 other recorded images from such systems:

16 (A) shall be available for inspection and copying and use by the motor  
17 vehicle owner and operator for so long as such photographs, microphoto-  
18 graphs, videotape or other recorded images are required to be maintained  
19 or are maintained by such public entity, employee, officer or agent; and

20 (B) (1) shall be furnished when described in a search warrant issued  
21 by a court authorized to issue such a search warrant pursuant to article  
22 six hundred ninety of the criminal procedure law or a federal court  
23 authorized to issue such a search warrant under federal law, where such  
24 search warrant states that there is reasonable cause to believe such  
25 information constitutes evidence of, or tends to demonstrate that, a  
26 misdemeanor or felony offense was committed in this state or another  
27 state, or that a particular person participated in the commission of a  
28 misdemeanor or felony offense in this state or another state, provided,

1 however, that if such offense was against the laws of another state, the  
2 court shall only issue a warrant if the conduct comprising such offense  
3 would, if occurring in this state, constitute a misdemeanor or felony  
4 against the laws of this state; and

5 (2) shall be furnished in response to a subpoena duces tecum signed by  
6 a judge of competent jurisdiction and issued pursuant to article six  
7 hundred ten of the criminal procedure law or a judge or magistrate of a  
8 federal court authorized to issue such a subpoena duces tecum under  
9 federal law, where the judge finds and the subpoena states that there is  
10 reasonable cause to believe such information is relevant and material to  
11 the prosecution, or the defense, or the investigation by an authorized  
12 law enforcement official, of the alleged commission of a misdemeanor or  
13 felony in this state or another state, provided, however, that if such  
14 offense was against the laws of another state, such judge or magistrate  
15 shall only issue such subpoena if the conduct comprising such offense  
16 would, if occurring in this state, constitute a misdemeanor or felony in  
17 this state; and

18 (3) may, if lawfully obtained pursuant to this clause and clause (A)  
19 of this subparagraph and otherwise admissible, be used in such criminal  
20 action or proceeding.

21 (b) The owner of a vehicle shall be liable for a penalty imposed  
22 pursuant to this section if such vehicle was used or operated with the  
23 permission of the owner, express or implied, within a construction or  
24 maintenance work area located at a bridge authority project in violation  
25 of paragraph two of subdivision (d) or subdivision (f), or when other  
26 speed limits are in effect in violation of subdivision (b) or (g) or  
27 paragraph one of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eighty of  
28 this article, such vehicle was traveling at a speed of more than ten

1 miles per hour above the posted speed limit in effect within such  
2 construction or maintenance work area, and such violation is evidenced  
3 by information obtained from a photo speed violation monitoring system;  
4 provided however that no owner of a vehicle shall be liable for a penal-  
5 ty imposed pursuant to this section where the operator of such vehicle  
6 has been convicted of the underlying violation of subdivision (b), (d),  
7 (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article.

8 (c) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the  
9 following meanings:

10 1. "manual on uniform traffic control devices" or "MUTCD" shall mean  
11 the manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control  
12 devices maintained by the commissioner of transportation pursuant to  
13 section sixteen hundred eighty of this chapter;

14 2. "owner" shall have the meaning provided in article two-B of this  
15 chapter;

16 3. "photo speed violation monitoring system" shall mean a vehicle  
17 sensor installed to work in conjunction with a speed measuring device  
18 which automatically produces two or more photographs, two or more micro-  
19 photographs, a videotape or other recorded images of each vehicle at the  
20 time it is used or operated in a construction or maintenance work area  
21 located at a bridge authority project in violation of subdivision (b),  
22 (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article in  
23 accordance with the provisions of this section; and

24 4. "bridge authority projects" shall mean the projects referred to in  
25 subdivision ten or ten-a of section five hundred twenty-eight of the  
26 public authorities law, or as otherwise provided in an applicable inter-  
27 agency agreement.

1 (d) A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed by  
2 the bridge authority or its agent as applicable, or a facsimile thereof,  
3 based upon inspection of photographs, microphotographs, videotape or  
4 other recorded images produced by a photo speed violation monitoring  
5 system, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein.  
6 Any photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images  
7 evidencing such a violation shall include at least two date and time  
8 stamped images of the rear of the motor vehicle that include the same  
9 stationary object near the motor vehicle to the extent practicable and  
10 shall be available for inspection reasonably in advance of and at any  
11 proceeding to adjudicate the liability for such violation pursuant to  
12 this section.

13 (e) An owner liable for a violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or  
14 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to a  
15 program established pursuant to this section shall be liable for mone-  
16 tary penalties not to exceed fifty dollars for a first violation, one  
17 hundred twenty-five dollars for a second violation both of which were  
18 committed within a period of eighteen months, and one hundred seventy-  
19 five dollars for a third or subsequent violation all of which were  
20 committed within a period of eighteen months; provided, however, that an  
21 additional penalty not in excess of twenty-five dollars for each  
22 violation may be imposed for the failure to respond to a notice of  
23 liability within the prescribed time period.

24 (f) An imposition of liability under the program established pursuant  
25 to this section shall not be deemed a conviction as an operator and  
26 shall not be made part of the operating record of the person upon whom  
27 such liability is imposed nor shall it be used for insurance purposes in  
28 the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

1 (g) 1. A notice of liability shall be sent by first class mail to each  
2 person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of subdivision  
3 (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article  
4 pursuant to this section, within fourteen business days if such owner is  
5 a resident of this state and within forty-five business days if such  
6 owner is a non-resident. Personal delivery on the owner shall not be  
7 required. A manual or automatic record of mailing prepared in the ordi-  
8 nary course of business shall be prima facie evidence of the facts  
9 contained therein.

10 2. A notice of liability shall contain the name and address of the  
11 person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of subdivision  
12 (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article  
13 pursuant to this section, the registration number of the vehicle  
14 involved in such violation, the location where such violation took  
15 place, the date and time of such violation, the identification number of  
16 the camera which recorded the violation or other document locator  
17 number, at least two date and time stamped images of the rear of the  
18 motor vehicle that include the same stationary object near the motor  
19 vehicle to the extent practicable, and the certificate charging the  
20 liability.

21 3. The notice of liability shall contain information advising the  
22 person charged of the manner and the time in which such person may  
23 contest the liability alleged in the notice. Such notice of liability  
24 shall also contain a prominent warning to advise the person charged that  
25 failure to contest in the manner and time provided shall be deemed an  
26 admission of liability and that a default judgment may be entered there-  
27 on.



1 4. The notice of liability shall be prepared and mailed by the bridge  
2 authority or by any other entity authorized by the bridge authority to  
3 prepare and mail such notice of liability.

4 (h) Adjudication of the liability imposed upon owners of this section  
5 shall be by a traffic violations bureau established pursuant to section  
6 three hundred seventy of the general municipal law where the violation  
7 occurred or, if there be none, by a hearing officer designated by the  
8 commissioner of motor vehicles.

9 (i) If an owner receives a notice of liability pursuant to this  
10 section for any time period during which the vehicle or the number plate  
11 or plates of such vehicle was reported to the police department as  
12 having been stolen, it shall be a valid defense to an allegation of  
13 liability for a violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section  
14 eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section that the  
15 vehicle or the number plate or plates of such vehicle had been reported  
16 to the police as stolen prior to the time the violation occurred and had  
17 not been recovered by such time. For purposes of asserting the defense  
18 provided by this subdivision, it shall be sufficient that a certified  
19 copy of the police report on the stolen vehicle or number plate or  
20 plates of such vehicle be sent by first class mail to the bridge author-  
21 ity.

22 (j) 1. An owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a notice of  
23 liability was issued pursuant to subdivision (g) of this section shall  
24 not be liable for the violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of  
25 section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section,  
26 provided that the owner sends to the bridge authority a copy of the  
27 rental, lease or other such contract document covering such vehicle on  
28 the date of the violation, with the name and address of the lessee

1 clearly legible, within thirty-seven days after receiving notice from  
2 the bridge authority of the date and time of such violation, together  
3 with the other information contained in the original notice of liabil-  
4 ity. Failure to send such information within such thirty-seven-day time  
5 period shall render the owner liable for the penalty prescribed by this  
6 section. Where the lessor complies with the provisions of this para-  
7 graph, the lessee of such vehicle on the date of such violation shall be  
8 deemed to be the owner of such vehicle for purposes of this section,  
9 shall be subject to liability for the violation of subdivision (b), (d),  
10 (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to  
11 this section and shall be sent a notice of liability pursuant to subdivi-  
12 vision (g) of this section.

13 2. In a city which, by local law, has authorized the adjudication of  
14 liability imposed upon owners by this section by a parking violations  
15 bureau, an owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a notice of  
16 liability was issued pursuant to subdivision (g) of this section shall  
17 not be liable for the violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of  
18 section eleven hundred eighty of this article, provided that:

19 (i) prior to the violation, the lessor has filed with the bureau in  
20 accordance with the provisions of section two hundred thirty-nine of  
21 this chapter; and

22 (ii) within thirty-seven days after receiving notice from the bridge  
23 authority of the date and time of a liability, together with the other  
24 information contained in the original notice of liability, the lessor  
25 submits to the bridge authority the correct name and address of the  
26 lessee of the vehicle identified in the notice of liability at the time  
27 of such violation, together with such other additional information  
28 contained in the rental, lease or other contract document, as may be

1 reasonably required by the bridge authority pursuant to regulations that  
2 may be promulgated for such purpose.

3 3. Failure to comply with this subdivision shall render the owner  
4 liable for the penalty prescribed in this section.

5 4. Where the lessor complies with the provisions of this subdivision,  
6 the lessee of such vehicle on the date of such violation shall be deemed  
7 to be the owner of such vehicle for purposes of this section, shall be  
8 subject to liability for such violation pursuant to this section and  
9 shall be sent a notice of liability pursuant to subdivision (g) of this  
10 section.

11 (k) 1. If the owner liable for a violation of subdivision (b), (d),  
12 (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to  
13 this section was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the  
14 violation, the owner may maintain an action for indemnification against  
15 the operator.

16 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no owner of a  
17 vehicle shall be subject to a monetary fine imposed pursuant to this  
18 section if the operator of such vehicle was operating such vehicle with-  
19 out the consent of the owner at the time such operator operated such  
20 vehicle in violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section  
21 eleven hundred eighty of this article. For purposes of this subdivision  
22 there shall be a presumption that the operator of such vehicle was oper-  
23 ating such vehicle with the consent of the owner at the time such opera-  
24 tor operated such vehicle in violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or  
25 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article.

26 (l) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the liability  
27 of an operator of a vehicle for any violation of subdivision (b), (d),  
28 (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article.

1 (m) It shall be a defense to any prosecution for a violation of subdi-  
2 vision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this  
3 article pursuant to this section that such photo speed violation moni-  
4 toring system was malfunctioning at the time of the alleged violation.

5 § 4. Subdivisions 11 and 12 of section 1803 of the vehicle and traffic  
6 law, as amended by chapter 557 of the laws of 2023, are amended and two  
7 new subdivisions 13 and 14 are added to read as follows:

8 11. Where the commissioner of transportation has established a [demon-  
9 stration] program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle  
10 for failure of an operator thereof to comply with subdivision (b), (d),  
11 (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter in accord-  
12 ance with section eleven hundred eighty-e of this chapter, any fine or  
13 penalty collected by a court, judge, magistrate or other officer for an  
14 imposition of liability which occurs pursuant to such program shall be  
15 paid to the state comptroller within the first ten days of the month  
16 following collection, except as otherwise provided in subdivision three  
17 of section ninety-nine-a of the state finance law. Every such payment  
18 shall be accompanied by a statement in such form and detail as the comp-  
19 troller shall provide. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision  
20 five of this section, eighty percent of any such fine or penalty imposed  
21 for such liability shall be paid to the general fund, and twenty percent  
22 of any such fine or penalty shall be paid to the city, town or village  
23 in which the violation giving rise to the liability occurred, provided,  
24 however, that (a) within a county that has established a traffic and  
25 parking violations agency pursuant to section three hundred seventy of  
26 the general municipal law and such liability is disposed of by such  
27 agency, eighty percent of any such fine or penalty imposed for such  
28 liability shall be paid to the general fund, and twenty percent of any

1 such fine or penalty shall be paid to the county in which the violation  
2 giving rise to the liability occurred; or (b) where collected by a hear-  
3 ing officer appointed by the commissioner, eighty percent of any such  
4 fine or penalty imposed for such liability shall be paid to the general  
5 fund, and twenty percent shall be deposited in the work zone speed  
6 camera administration fund established pursuant to section ninety-nine-  
7 ss of the state finance law. With respect to the percentage of fines or  
8 penalties paid to the general fund, no less than sixty percent shall be  
9 dedicated to department of transportation work zone safety projects  
10 after deducting the expenses necessary to administer such [demon-  
11 stration] program, provided, however, that except as provided pursuant  
12 to section ninety-nine-ss of the state finance law, such funds provided  
13 pursuant to this subdivision shall be payable on the audit and warrant  
14 of the comptroller and shall only be used to supplement and not supplant  
15 current expenditures of state funds on work zone safety projects. For  
16 the purposes of this subdivision, "work zone safety projects" shall  
17 apply to work zones under the jurisdiction of the department of trans-  
18 portation and shall include, but not be limited to, inspection and  
19 implementation of work zone design, maintenance, traffic plans and mark-  
20 ings, worker safety training, contractor outreach, enforcement efforts,  
21 radar speed display signs at major active work zones and police presence  
22 at major active work zones, as provided in section twenty-two of the  
23 transportation law. All fines, penalties and forfeitures paid to a coun-  
24 ty, city, town or village pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision  
25 shall be credited to the general fund of such county, city, town or  
26 village, unless a different disposition is prescribed by charter,  
27 special law, local law or ordinance.

1 12. Where the chair of the New York state thruway authority has estab-  
2 lished a [demonstration] program imposing monetary liability on the  
3 owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with  
4 subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of  
5 this chapter in accordance with section eleven hundred eighty-e of this  
6 chapter, any fine or penalty collected by a court, judge, magistrate or  
7 other officer for an imposition of liability which occurs pursuant to  
8 such program shall be paid to the state comptroller within the first ten  
9 days of the month following collection, except as otherwise provided in  
10 subdivision three of section ninety-nine-a of the state finance law.  
11 Every such payment shall be accompanied by a statement in such form and  
12 detail as the comptroller shall provide. Notwithstanding the provisions  
13 of subdivision five of this section, eighty percent of any such fine or  
14 penalty imposed for such liability shall be paid to the thruway authori-  
15 ty, and twenty percent of any such fine or penalty shall be paid to the  
16 city, town or village in which the violation giving rise to the liabil-  
17 ity occurred, provided, however, that (a) within a county that has  
18 established a traffic and parking violations agency pursuant to section  
19 three hundred seventy of the general municipal law and such liability is  
20 disposed of by such agency, eighty percent of any such fine or penalty  
21 imposed for such liability shall be paid to the thruway authority, and  
22 twenty percent of any such fine or penalty shall be paid to the county  
23 in which the violation giving rise to the liability occurred; or (b)  
24 where collected by a hearing officer appointed by the commissioner,  
25 eighty percent of any such fine or penalty imposed for such liability  
26 shall be paid to the thruway authority, and twenty percent shall be  
27 deposited in the work zone speed camera administration fund established  
28 pursuant to section ninety-nine-ss of the state finance law. With

1 respect to the percentage of fines or penalties paid to the thruway  
2 authority, no less than sixty percent shall be dedicated to thruway  
3 authority work zone safety projects after deducting the expenses neces-  
4 sary to administer such [demonstration] program, provided, however, that  
5 except as provided pursuant to section ninety-nine-ss of the state  
6 finance law, such funds provided pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
7 payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller and shall only be  
8 used to supplement and not supplant current expenditures of state funds  
9 on work zone safety projects. For the purposes of this subdivision,  
10 "work zone safety projects" shall apply to work zones under the juris-  
11 diction of the thruway authority and shall include, but not be limited  
12 to, inspection and implementation of work zone design, maintenance,  
13 traffic plans and markings, worker safety training, contractor outreach,  
14 enforcement efforts, radar speed display signs at major active work  
15 zones and police presence at major active work zones, as provided in  
16 section twenty-two of the transportation law. For the purposes of this  
17 subdivision, the term "thruway authority" shall mean the New York state  
18 thruway authority, a body corporate and politic constituting a public  
19 corporation created and constituted pursuant to title nine of article  
20 two of the public authorities law. All fines, penalties and forfeitures  
21 paid to a county, city, town or village pursuant to the provisions of  
22 this subdivision shall be credited to the general fund of such county,  
23 city, town or village, unless a different disposition is prescribed by  
24 charter, special law, local law or ordinance.

25 13. Where the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority has established a  
26 program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for fail-  
27 ure of an operator thereof to comply with subdivision (b), (d), (f) or  
28 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter in accordance with

1 section eleven hundred eighty-h of this chapter, any fine or penalty  
2 collected by the New York city parking violations bureau for an imposi-  
3 tion of liability which occurs pursuant to such program shall be paid to  
4 the state comptroller within the first ten days of the month following  
5 collection, except as otherwise provided in subdivision three of section  
6 ninety-nine-a of the state finance law. Every such payment shall be  
7 accompanied by a statement in such form and detail as the comptroller  
8 shall provide. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision five of  
9 this section, eighty percent of any such fine or penalty imposed for  
10 such liability shall be paid to the Triborough bridge and tunnel author-  
11 ity, and twenty percent of any such fine or penalty shall be paid to the  
12 New York city parking violations bureau. With respect to the percentage  
13 of fines or penalties paid to the Triborough bridge and tunnel authori-  
14 ty, no less than sixty percent shall be dedicated to Triborough bridge  
15 and tunnel authority work zone safety projects after deducting the  
16 expenses necessary to administer such program, provided, however, that  
17 such funds provided pursuant to this subdivision shall be payable on the  
18 audit and warrant of the comptroller and shall only be used to supple-  
19 ment and not supplant current expenditures of state funds on work zone  
20 safety projects. For the purposes of this subdivision, "work zone safety  
21 projects" shall apply to work zones under the jurisdiction of the  
22 Triborough bridge and tunnel authority and shall include, but not be  
23 limited to, inspection and implementation of work zone design, mainte-  
24 nance, traffic plans and markings, worker safety training, contractor  
25 outreach, enforcement efforts, radar speed display signs at major active  
26 work zones and police presence at major active work zones, as provided  
27 in section twenty-two of the transportation law. For the purposes of  
28 this subdivision, the term "Triborough bridge and tunnel authority"



1 shall mean the New York state Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, a  
2 body corporate and politic constituting a public benefit corporation  
3 created and constituted pursuant to title three of article three of the  
4 public authorities law. All fines, penalties and forfeitures paid to a  
5 county, city, town or village pursuant to the provisions of this subdi-  
6 vision shall be credited to the general fund of such county, city, town  
7 or village, unless a different disposition is prescribed by charter,  
8 special law, local law or ordinance.

9 14. Where the New York state bridge authority has established a  
10 program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for fail-  
11 ure of an operator thereof to comply with subdivision (b), (d), (f) or  
12 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter in accordance with  
13 section eleven hundred eighty-i of this chapter, any fine or penalty  
14 collected by a court, judge, magistrate or other officer for an imposi-  
15 tion of liability which occurs pursuant to such program shall be paid to  
16 the state comptroller within the first ten days of the month following  
17 collection, except as otherwise provided in subdivision three of section  
18 ninety-nine-a of the state finance law. Every such payment shall be  
19 accompanied by a statement in such form and detail as the comptroller  
20 shall provide. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision five of  
21 this section, eighty percent of any such fine or penalty imposed for  
22 such liability shall be paid to the bridge authority, and twenty percent  
23 of any such fine or penalty shall be paid to the city, town or village  
24 in which the violation giving rise to the liability occurred, provided,  
25 however, that (a) within a county that has established a traffic and  
26 parking violations agency pursuant to section three hundred seventy of  
27 the general municipal law and such liability is disposed of by such  
28 agency, eighty percent of any such fine or penalty imposed for such

1 liability shall be paid to the bridge authority, and twenty percent of  
2 any such fine or penalty shall be paid to the county in which the  
3 violation giving rise to the liability occurred; or (b) where collected  
4 by a hearing officer appointed by the commissioner, eighty percent of  
5 any such fine or penalty imposed for such liability shall be paid to the  
6 bridge authority, and twenty percent shall be deposited in the work zone  
7 speed camera administration fund established pursuant to section nine-  
8 ty-nine-ss of the state finance law. With respect to the percentage of  
9 finances or penalties paid to the bridge authority, no less than sixty  
10 percent shall be dedicated to bridge authority work zone safety projects  
11 after deducting the expenses necessary to administer such program,  
12 provided, however, that except as provided pursuant to section ninety-  
13 nine-ss of the state finance law, such funds provided pursuant to this  
14 subdivision shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller  
15 and shall only be used to supplement and not supplant current expendi-  
16 tures of state funds on work zone safety projects. For the purposes of  
17 this subdivision, "work zone safety projects" shall apply to work zones  
18 under the jurisdiction of the bridge authority and shall include, but  
19 not be limited to, inspection and implementation of work zone design,  
20 maintenance, traffic plans and markings, worker safety training,  
21 contractor outreach, enforcement efforts, radar speed display signs at  
22 major active work zones and police presence at major active work zones,  
23 as provided in section twenty-two of the transportation law. For the  
24 purposes of this subdivision, the term "bridge authority" shall mean the  
25 New York state bridge authority, a body corporate and politic constitut-  
26 ing a public benefit corporation created and constituted pursuant to  
27 title two of article three of the public authorities law. All fines,  
28 penalties and forfeitures paid to a county, city, town or village pursu-

1 ant to the provisions of this subdivision shall be credited to the  
2 general fund of such county, city, town or village, unless a different  
3 disposition is prescribed by charter, special law, local law or ordi-  
4 nance.

5 § 5. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-ss to  
6 read as follows:

7 § 99-ss. Work zone speed camera administration fund. 1. There is here-  
8 by established in the joint custody of the commissioner of taxation and  
9 finance and the comptroller a special fund to be known as the "work zone  
10 speed camera administration fund".

11 2. The fund shall consist of fines or penalties collected by the  
12 commissioner of motor vehicles for violations of sections eleven hundred  
13 eighty-e and eleven hundred eighty-i of the vehicle and traffic law and  
14 pursuant to subdivisions eleven, twelve and fourteen of section eighteen  
15 hundred and three of the vehicle and traffic law.

16 3. Moneys of the fund shall be made available to the department of  
17 motor vehicles only for the costs incurred by the department in adjudi-  
18 cating liabilities and hearing administrative appeals regarding  
19 violations of sections eleven hundred eighty-e and eleven hundred eight-  
20 y-i of the vehicle and traffic law.

21 4. The moneys of the fund shall be paid out on the audit and warrant  
22 of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner  
23 of motor vehicles. At the end of each year any moneys remaining in the  
24 fund shall be retained in the fund and shall not revert to the general  
25 fund. The interest and income earned on money in the fund, after  
26 deducting any applicable charges, shall be credited to the fund.

27 § 6. Subdivision 2 of section 87 of the public officers law is amended  
28 by adding two new paragraphs (v) and (w) to read as follows:

1 (v) are photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded  
2 images prepared under authority of section eleven hundred eleven-h of  
3 the vehicle and traffic law.

4 (w) are photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded  
5 images prepared under authority of section eleven hundred eleven-i of  
6 the vehicle and traffic law.

7 § 7. Section 16 of chapter 421 of the laws of 2021 amending the vehi-  
8 cle and traffic law and the general municipal law relating to certain  
9 notices of liability, is amended to read as follows:

10 § 16. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
11 have become a law; [provided, however, that sections twelve, thirteen,  
12 fourteen and fifteen of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed 5  
13 years after such effective date when upon such date the provisions of  
14 such sections shall be deemed repealed;] provided that effective imme-  
15 diately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
16 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
17 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date[;  
18 and provided further, that:

19 (a) the amendments to the opening paragraph and paragraph (c) of  
20 subdivision 1 of section 1809 of the vehicle and traffic law made by  
21 section eight of this act shall not affect the expiration of such  
22 section and shall be deemed to expire therewith, when upon such date the  
23 provisions of section eight-a of this act shall take effect;

24 (b) the amendments to the opening paragraph and paragraph (c) of  
25 subdivision 1 of section 1809 of the vehicle and traffic law made by  
26 section eight-a of this act shall not affect the expiration of such  
27 section and shall be deemed to expire therewith, when upon such date the  
28 provisions of section eight-b of this act shall take effect;

1 (c) the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 1809 of the vehicle and  
2 traffic law made by section eight-b of this act shall not affect the  
3 expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith, when  
4 upon such date the provisions of section eight-c of this act shall take  
5 effect;

6 (d) the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 1809 of the vehicle and  
7 traffic law made by section eight-c of this act shall not affect the  
8 expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith, when  
9 upon such date the provisions of section eight-d of this act shall take  
10 effect;

11 (e) the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 1809 of the vehicle and  
12 traffic law made by section eight-d of this act shall not affect the  
13 expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith, when  
14 upon such date the provisions of section eight-e of this act shall take  
15 effect;

16 (f) the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 1809 of the vehicle and  
17 traffic law made by section eight-e of this act shall not affect the  
18 expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith, when  
19 upon such date the provisions of section eight-f of this act shall take  
20 effect;

21 (g) the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 1809 of the vehicle and  
22 traffic law made by section eight-f of this act shall not affect the  
23 expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith, when  
24 upon such date the provisions of section eight-g of this act shall take  
25 effect; and

26 (h) the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 1809 of the vehicle and  
27 traffic law made by section eight-g of this act shall not affect the  
28 expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith, when

1 upon such date the provisions of section eight-h of this act shall take  
2 effect].

3 § 8. For the purpose of informing and educating owners of motor vehi-  
4 cles in this state, an agency or authority authorized to issue notices  
5 of liability pursuant to the provisions of this act shall, during the  
6 first thirty-day period in which the photo violation monitoring systems  
7 are in operation pursuant to the provisions of this act, issue a written  
8 warning in lieu of a notice of liability to all owners of motor vehicles  
9 who would be held liable for failure of operators thereof to comply with  
10 subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of the  
11 vehicle and traffic law in accordance with sections eleven hundred  
12 eighty-h and eleven hundred eighty-i of the vehicle and traffic law.

13 § 9. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however, that  
14 sections one, two, three, four, five and six of this act shall take  
15 effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective  
16 immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regu-  
17 lation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective  
18 date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective  
19 date.

20 PART R

21 Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 120.05 of the penal law, as  
22 amended by section 2 of part Z of chapter 55 of the laws of 2024, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 11. With intent to cause physical injury to a train operator, ticket  
25 inspector, conductor, signalperson, bus operator, station agent, station  
26 cleaner, terminal cleaner, station customer assistant, traffic checker;

1 person whose official duties include the sale or collection of tickets,  
2 passes, vouchers, or other revenue payment media for use on a train,  
3 bus, or ferry the collection or handling of revenues therefrom; a person  
4 whose official duties include the construction, maintenance, repair,  
5 inspection, troubleshooting, testing or cleaning of buses or ferries, a  
6 transit signal system, elevated or underground subway tracks, transit  
7 station or transportation structure, including fare equipment, esca-  
8 tors, elevators and other equipment necessary to passenger service,  
9 commuter rail tracks or stations, train yard, revenue train in passenger  
10 service, a ferry station, or a train or bus station or terminal, or any  
11 roadways, walkways, tunnels, bridges, tolling facilities or their  
12 supporting systems, building or structures; or a supervisor of such  
13 personnel, employed by any transit or commuter rail agency, authority or  
14 company, public or private, whose operation is authorized or established  
15 by New York state or any of its political subdivisions, a city marshal,  
16 a school crossing guard appointed pursuant to section two hundred  
17 eight-a of the general municipal law, a traffic enforcement officer,  
18 traffic enforcement agent, motor vehicle license examiner, motor vehicle  
19 representative, highway worker as defined in section one hundred eigh-  
20 teen-a of the vehicle and traffic law, motor carrier investigator as  
21 defined in section one hundred eighteen-b of the vehicle and traffic  
22 law, motor vehicle inspector as defined in section one hundred eigh-  
23 teen-c of the vehicle and traffic law, prosecutor as defined in subdivi-  
24 sion thirty-one of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, sanita-  
25 tion enforcement agent, New York city sanitation worker, public health  
26 sanitarian, New York city public health sanitarian, registered nurse,  
27 licensed practical nurse, emergency medical service paramedic, or emer-  
28 gency medical service technician, [he or she] such person causes phys-

1 ical injury to such train operator, ticket inspector, conductor, signal-  
2 person, bus operator, station agent, station cleaner, terminal cleaner,  
3 station customer assistant, traffic checker; person whose official  
4 duties include the sale or collection of tickets, passes, vouchers or  
5 other revenue payment media for use on a train, bus, or ferry or the  
6 collection or handling of revenues therefrom; a person whose official  
7 duties include the construction, maintenance, repair, inspection, trou-  
8 bleshooting, testing or cleaning of buses or ferries, a transit signal  
9 system, elevated or underground subway tracks, transit station or trans-  
10 portation structure, including fare equipment, escalators, elevators and  
11 other equipment necessary to passenger service, commuter rail tracks or  
12 stations, train yard, revenue train in passenger service, a ferry  
13 station, or a train or bus station or terminal, or any roadways, walk-  
14 ways, tunnels, bridges, tolling facilities or their supporting systems,  
15 buildings or structures; or a supervisor of such personnel, city  
16 marshal, school crossing guard appointed pursuant to section two hundred  
17 eight-a of the general municipal law, traffic enforcement officer, traf-  
18 fic enforcement agent, motor vehicle license examiner, motor vehicle  
19 representative, highway worker as defined in section one hundred eigh-  
20 teen-a of the vehicle and traffic law, motor carrier investigator as  
21 defined in section one hundred eighteen-b of the vehicle and traffic  
22 law, motor vehicle inspector as defined in section one hundred eigh-  
23 teen-c of the vehicle and traffic law, prosecutor as defined in subdivi-  
24 sion thirty-one of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, regis-  
25 tered nurse, licensed practical nurse, public health sanitarian, New  
26 York city public health sanitarian, sanitation enforcement agent, New  
27 York city sanitation worker, emergency medical service paramedic, or  
28 emergency medical service technician, while such employee is performing



1 [an assigned duty on, or directly related to,] a lawful act related,  
2 directly or indirectly, to an employment responsibility, including but  
3 not limited to the operation of a train or bus, cleaning of a train or  
4 bus station or terminal, assisting customers, checking traffic, the sale  
5 or collection of tickets, passes, vouchers, or other revenue media for  
6 use on a train, bus, or ferry or maintenance or cleaning of a train, a  
7 bus, a ferry, or bus station or terminal, signal system, elevated or  
8 underground subway tracks, transit station or transportation structure,  
9 including fare equipment, escalators, elevators and other equipment  
10 necessary to passenger service, commuter rail tracks or stations, train  
11 yard or revenue train in passenger service, a ferry station, or such  
12 city marshal, school crossing guard, traffic enforcement officer, traf-  
13 fic enforcement agent, motor vehicle license examiner, motor vehicle  
14 representative, highway worker as defined in section one hundred eigh-  
15 teen-a of the vehicle and traffic law, motor carrier investigator as  
16 defined in section one hundred eighteen-b of the vehicle and traffic  
17 law, motor vehicle inspector as defined in section one hundred eigh-  
18 teen-c of the vehicle and traffic law, prosecutor as defined in subdivi-  
19 sion thirty-one of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, regis-  
20 tered nurse, licensed practical nurse, public health sanitarian, New  
21 York city public health sanitarian, sanitation enforcement agent, New  
22 York city sanitation worker, emergency medical service paramedic, or  
23 emergency medical service technician is performing an assigned duty; or  
24 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding three new  
25 sections 118-a, 118-b and 118-c to read as follows:  
26 § 118-a. Highway worker. Any person employed by or on behalf of the  
27 state, a county, city, town, village, a public authority, local authori-  
28 ty, public utility company, or an agent or contractor of any such enti-

1 ty, or a flagperson as defined in section one hundred fifteen-b of this  
2 article, who has been assigned to perform work on a highway, public  
3 highway, roadway, access highway, or qualifying highway, or within the  
4 highway right of way. Such work may include, but shall not be limited  
5 to, construction, reconstruction, maintenance, improvement, flagging,  
6 utility installation, or the operation of equipment. For purposes of  
7 this section, the term "highway right of way" shall mean the entire  
8 width between the boundary line of all property which has been  
9 purchased, appropriated, or designated by the state, a municipal entity,  
10 or a public benefit corporation for highway purposes, all property over  
11 which the commissioner of transportation, any municipal entity, or  
12 public benefit corporation has assumed jurisdiction for highway  
13 purposes, and all property that has become part of a highway system  
14 through dedication or use, including any property deemed necessary for  
15 the maintenance, construction, reconstruction, or improvement of any  
16 highway. Such work may include, but shall not be limited to  
17 construction, reconstruction, maintenance, improvement, flagging, utili-  
18 ty installation, or the operation of equipment.

19 § 118-b. Motor carrier investigator. Any person employed by the  
20 department of transportation who has been assigned to perform investi-  
21 gations of any motor carriers regulated by the commissioner of transpor-  
22 tation.

23 § 118-c. Motor vehicle inspector. Any person employed by the depart-  
24 ment of transportation who has been assigned to perform inspections of  
25 any motor vehicles regulated by the commissioner of transportation.

26 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
27 have become a law.

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## PART S

2 Section 1. Section 4 of chapter 495 of the laws of 2004, amending the  
3 insurance law and the public health law relating to the New York state  
4 health insurance continuation assistance demonstration project, as  
5 amended by section 1 of part BB of chapter 58 of the laws of 2024, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 § 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
8 have become a law; provided, however, that this act shall remain in  
9 effect until July 1, [2025] 2026 when upon such date the provisions of  
10 this act shall expire and be deemed repealed; provided, further, that a  
11 displaced worker shall be eligible for continuation assistance retroac-  
12 tive to July 1, 2004.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

14

## PART T

15 Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 2611 of the public authorities  
16 law, as amended by section 1 of part NN of chapter 58 of the laws of  
17 2019, is amended to read as follows:

18 7. To enter into contracts, leases and subleases and to execute all  
19 instruments necessary or convenient for the conduct of authority busi-  
20 ness, including agreements with the park district and any state agency  
21 which administers, owns or supervises any olympic facility or Belleayre  
22 Mountain ski center, as provided in sections twenty-six hundred twelve  
23 and twenty-six hundred fourteen of this title[, and including contracts  
24 or other agreements to plan, prepare for and host the two thousand twen-  
25 ty-three World University Games to be held in Lake Placid, New York

1 where such contracts or agreements would obligate the authority to  
2 defend, indemnify and/or insure third parties in connection with, aris-  
3 ing out of, or relating to such games, such authority to be limited by  
4 the amount of any lawful appropriation or other funding such as a  
5 performance bond surety, or other collateral instrument for that  
6 purpose. With respect to the two thousand twenty-three World University  
7 Games, the amount of such appropriation shall be no more than sixteen  
8 million dollars]. This shall include the power to enter into contracts  
9 or other agreements to join reciprocal ski pass programs with other ski  
10 areas, where the members of such reciprocal pass program are required to  
11 defend and/or indemnify one or more other members of such program for  
12 claims or causes of action arising out of, or relating to, such contract  
13 or agreement. This power shall be limited by the amount of the authori-  
14 ty's discretionary funds, any lawful appropriation, or other funding, up  
15 to a limit of two hundred fifty thousand dollars per such claim or cause  
16 of action;

17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

18 PART U

19 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new article  
20 47 to read as follows:

21 ARTICLE 47

22 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMPANION MODELS

23 Section. 1700. Definitions.

24 1701. Prohibitions and requirements.

25 1702. Notifications.

26 1703. Enforcement.

1           1704. Severability.

2       § 1700. Definitions. As used in this article, the following terms  
3 shall have the following meanings:

4       1. "Artificial intelligence", "artificial intelligence technology", or  
5 "AI" means a machine-based system that can, for a given set of human-de-  
6 fin ed objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions influ-  
7 encing real or virtual environments, and that uses machine- and human-  
8 based inputs to perceive real and virtual environments, abstract such  
9 perceptions into models through analysis in an automated manner, and use  
10 model inference to formulate options for information or action.

11       2. "Generative artificial intelligence" means a class of AI models  
12 that are self-supervised and emulate the structure and characteristics  
13 of input data to generate derived synthetic content, including, but not  
14 limited to, images, videos, audio, text, and other digital content.

15       3. "AI model" means a component of an information system that imple-  
16 ments artificial intelligence technology and uses computational, statis-  
17 tical, or machine-learning techniques to produce outputs from a given  
18 set of inputs.

19       4. "AI companion" means a system using artificial intelligence, gener-  
20 ative artificial intelligence, and/or emotional recognition algorithms  
21 to simulate social human interaction, by retaining information on prior  
22 interactions and user preference, asking questions, providing advice,  
23 and engaging in simulated conversation on matters of personal well-be-  
24 ing.

25       5. "Operator" means any person, partnership, association, firm, or  
26 business entity, or any member, affiliate, subsidiary or beneficial  
27 owner of any partnership, association, firm, or business entity who  
28 operates or provides an AI companion.

1 6. "Person" means any natural person.

2 7. "Emotional recognition algorithms" means artificial intelligence  
3 that detects and interprets human emotional signals in text (using  
4 natural language processing and sentiment analysis), audio (using voice  
5 emotion AI), video (using facial movement analysis, gait analysis, or  
6 physiological signals), or a combination thereof.

7 8. "User" means any person who uses an AI companion within the state  
8 and who is not an operator or agent or affiliate of the operator of the  
9 AI companion.

10 § 1701. Prohibitions and requirements. It shall be unlawful for any  
11 operator to operate or provide an AI companion to a user unless such AI  
12 companion contains a protocol for addressing possible suicidal ideation  
13 or self-harm expressed by a user to the AI companion, that includes but  
14 is not limited to, a notification to the user that refers them to crisis  
15 service providers such as a suicide hotline, crisis text line, or other  
16 appropriate crisis services.

17 § 1702. Notifications. An operator shall provide a notification to a  
18 user at the beginning of any AI companion interaction and at least every  
19 three hours for continuing AI companion interactions thereafter, which  
20 states either verbally or in bold and capitalized letters of at least  
21 sixteen point type, the following:

22 "THE AI COMPANION (OR NAME OF THE AI COMPANION) IS A COMPUTER PROGRAM  
23 AND NOT A HUMAN BEING. IT IS UNABLE TO FEEL HUMAN EMOTION".

24 § 1703. Enforcement. Any person aggrieved by a violation of section  
25 seventeen hundred one or seventeen hundred two of this article may bring  
26 an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for damages, equitable  
27 relief, and such other remedies as the court may deem appropriate.

1 § 1704. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision,  
2 section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent  
3 jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or  
4 invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation  
5 to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof  
6 directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have  
7 been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature  
8 that this act would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions  
9 had not been included herein.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
11 it shall have become a law.

12 PART V

13 Section 1. The article heading of article 12-B of the general business  
14 law, as added by chapter 1005 of the laws of 1960, is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 RETAIL SALES AND MERCANTILE ESTABLISHMENTS

17 § 2. The section heading and subdivision 1 of section 217 of the  
18 general business law, as amended by chapter 278 of the laws of 2009, are  
19 amended and two new subdivisions 3 and 4 are added to read as follows:

20 [Definition] Definitions.

21 1. "Retail mercantile establishment" shall mean a place where goods,  
22 wares or merchandise are offered to the public for sale, but does not  
23 include any retail seller as defined in subdivision three of this  
24 section.

25 3. "Retail seller" shall mean any association, partnership, firm,  
26 corporation, limited liability company or other business entity that:

1 (a) is comprised of five hundred or more employees statewide or that has  
2 annual gross revenues from sales in New York of five hundred thousand  
3 dollars or more; and (b) that is engaged in the retail sale of goods,  
4 wares, or merchandise to the public in New York state through any phys-  
5 ical or virtual medium, including but not limited to ecommerce, mobile  
6 app, social media or any other virtual marketplace. A "retail seller"  
7 shall not include a platform or business that facilitates transactions  
8 between independent sellers or businesses and consumers by, for example,  
9 providing infrastructure to advertise and market such independent sell-  
10 ers' or businesses' products and facilitating payment processing.

11 4. "Retail sale" shall mean a sale of commodities or goods to the  
12 ultimate consumer primarily for personal, family or household purposes.  
13 As used in this section, the term "retail sale" does not include the  
14 sale of used goods.

15 § 3. The section heading of section 218-a of the general business law,  
16 as amended by chapter 278 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 Disclosure of refund policies by retail mercantile establishments.

19 § 4. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 218-  
20 aaa to read as follows:

21 § 218-aaa. Minimum standards for refund policies and disclosure by  
22 retail sellers. 1. (a) Every retail seller shall offer full cash or  
23 credit refunds, equal exchanges, or store credit, at the discretion of  
24 the seller and subject to the exclusions outlined in subdivision two of  
25 this section, for at least thirty days following purchase of the goods.

26 (b) Every retail seller shall set forth its refund policy on the  
27 receipt or proof of purchase.



1 (c) Every retail seller shall conspicuously post its refund policy on  
2 a sign or notice attached to or near the item itself, a display of the  
3 item or a description of the item, on a sign affixed to or clearly visi-  
4 ble from each cash register or point of sale at which such goods are  
5 offered, or on a retail seller's order forms, if any.

6 2. This section does not apply to food, plants, flowers, perishable  
7 goods, goods marked "as is," "no returns accepted," "all sales final,"  
8 or with similar language, goods used or damaged after purchase, custom-  
9 ized goods received as ordered, goods not returned with their original  
10 package, and goods which cannot be resold due to health considerations.

11 3. Any retail seller who violates any provision of this section shall  
12 be liable to the buyer for a cash or credit refund for the total amount  
13 of the original purchase, provided the buyer can verify the date of  
14 purchase with a receipt or any other purchase verification method  
15 utilized by the retail seller.

16 4. This section does not relieve any retail seller subject to the  
17 provisions of this section from complying with any law, ordinance, rule  
18 or regulation of any locality relating to the posting of refund policies  
19 which affords the buyer greater protection than do the provisions of  
20 this section.

21 § 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
22 have become a law.

23 PART W

24 Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 527 of the general business  
25 law, as added by chapter 267 of the laws of 2020, are amended to read as  
26 follows:

1 2. ["Automatic renewal offer terms" means the following clear and  
2 conspicuous disclosures:

3 a. that the subscription or purchasing agreement will continue until  
4 the consumer cancels;

5 b. the description of the cancellation policy that applies to the  
6 offer;

7 c. the recurring charges that will be charged to the consumer's credit  
8 or debit card or payment account with a third party as part of the auto-  
9 matic renewal plan or arrangement, and that the amount of the charge may  
10 change, if that is the case, and the amount to which the charge will  
11 change, if known;

12 d. the length of the automatic renewal term or that the service is  
13 continuous, unless the length of the term is chosen by the consumer; and

14 e. the minimum purchase obligation, if any] "Knowing" means that a  
15 person, with respect to information:

16 a. has actual knowledge of the information;

17 b. acts in deliberate ignorance of the truth or falsity of the infor-  
18 mation; or

19 c. acts in reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the informa-  
20 tion.

21 3. "Clear and conspicuous" means [in larger type than the surrounding  
22 text, or in contrasting type, font, or color to the surrounding text of  
23 the same size, or set off from the surrounding text of the same size by  
24 symbols or other marks, in a manner that clearly calls attention to the  
25 language. In the case of an audio disclosure, "clear and conspicuous"  
26 means in a volume and cadence sufficient to be readily audible and  
27 understandable] that a required disclosure is easily noticeable (i.e.,

1 difficult to miss) and easily understandable by ordinary consumers,  
2 including in all of the following ways:

3 a. In any communication that is solely visual or solely audible, the  
4 disclosure must be made through the same means through which the commu-  
5 nication is presented. In any communication made through both visual and  
6 audible means, such as a television advertisement, the disclosure must  
7 be presented simultaneously in both the visual and audible portions of  
8 the communication even if the representation requiring the disclosure is  
9 made in only one means;

10 b. A visual disclosure, by its size, contrast, location, the length of  
11 time it appears, and other characteristics, must stand out from any  
12 accompanying text or other visual elements so that it is easily noticed,  
13 read, and understood;

14 c. An audible disclosure, including by telephone or streaming video,  
15 must be delivered in a volume, speed, and cadence sufficient for ordi-  
16 nary consumers to easily hear and understand it;

17 d. In any communication using the internet, mobile application, or  
18 software, the disclosure must be unavoidable;

19 e. The disclosure must use diction and syntax understandable to ordi-  
20 nary consumers and must appear in each language in which the represen-  
21 tation that requires the disclosure appears;

22 f. The disclosure must comply with these requirements in each medium  
23 through which it is received, including all electronic devices and face-  
24 to-face communications;

25 g. The disclosure must not be contradicted or mitigated by, or incon-  
26 sistent with, anything else in the communication; and

1 h. When the representation or sales practice targets a specific audi-  
2 ence, such as children, older adults, or the terminally ill, "ordinary  
3 consumers" includes members of that group.

4 § 2. Section 527-a of the general business law, as added by chapter  
5 267 of the laws of 2020, subdivisions 3 and 8 as amended by chapter 728  
6 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

7 § 527-a. Unlawful practices. 1. It shall be unlawful for any business  
8 making an automatic renewal or continuous service offer to a consumer in  
9 this state to [do any of the following]:

10 a. fail to present to the consumer, in a clear and conspicuous manner,  
11 the material terms of any automatic renewal offer [terms] or continuous  
12 service offer [terms in a clear and conspicuous manner], including but  
13 not limited to the amount of the costs that will be charged, the  
14 frequency of charges, and the deadline by date or frequency by which the  
15 consumer must act to prevent or stop further charges, before consent to  
16 the [subscription or purchasing agreement is fulfilled] offer or billing  
17 information has been requested and in visual proximity, or in the case  
18 of an offer conveyed by voice, in temporal proximity, to the request for  
19 consent to the offer. If the offer [also includes a free gift or trial]  
20 price is temporary, the offer shall include a clear and conspicuous  
21 explanation of how and when the price will change and the price or pric-  
22 es that will subsequently be charged [after the trial ends or the manner  
23 in which the subscription or purchasing agreement pricing will change  
24 upon conclusion of the trial] to the consumer;

25 b. charge the consumer's credit or debit card or the consumer's  
26 account with a third party for an automatic renewal or continuous  
27 service, or for any previously undisclosed increased price relating to  
28 an automatic renewal or continuous service offer to which the consumer

1 previously consented, without first obtaining the consumer's express  
2 affirmative consent to [the agreement containing] the automatic renewal  
3 offer terms or continuous service offer terms, including the terms of an  
4 automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer that is made at a  
5 promotional or discounted price for a limited period of time; [or]

6 c. fail to provide an acknowledgment [that includes the automatic  
7 renewal or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and  
8 information regarding how to cancel] of the terms of the automatic  
9 renewal, continuous service offer, or increased price at or immediately  
10 following acceptance in a manner [that is] capable of being retained by  
11 the consumer[. If the offer includes a free gift or trial, the business  
12 shall also disclose in the acknowledgment how to cancel and allow the  
13 consumer to cancel before the consumer pays for the goods or services.]  
14 that includes:

15 (i) a clear and conspicuous disclosure to the consumer of the mech-  
16 anism by which the automatic renewal or continuous service offer may be  
17 cancelled, provided that any cancellation mechanism must be at least as  
18 easy to access and use as the mechanism by which the consumer provided  
19 consent; and

20 (ii) contact information for the business, including a toll-free tele-  
21 phone number, email address, and web address, if a website is main-  
22 tained;

23 d. fail to provide the consumer with the option to cancel at any time  
24 through the same medium by which the consumer accepted the automatic  
25 renewal, continuous service offer, or any price increase, which may  
26 include but not be limited to:

27 (i) a direct connection to a live or automated process for cancelling  
28 the service through the toll-free number provided to the consumer;

1 (ii) an option to cancel through a business email address provided to  
2 the consumer; and

3 (iii) a "cancel" button or link clearly and conspicuously displayed on  
4 the header of the business website;

5 e. impose unreasonable or unlawful conditions upon, refuse to acknowl-  
6 edge, or delay cancellation requested by a consumer;

7 [2. A business that makes an automatic renewal offer or continuous  
8 service offer shall provide a toll-free telephone number, electronic  
9 mail address, a postal address only when the seller directly bills the  
10 consumer, or another cost-effective, timely, and easy-to-use mechanism  
11 for cancellation that shall be described in the acknowledgment specified  
12 in paragraph c of subdivision one of this section.

13 3. a. In addition to the requirements of subdivision two of this  
14 section, a consumer who accepts an automatic renewal or continuous  
15 service offer online shall be allowed to terminate the automatic renewal  
16 or continuous service exclusively online, which may include a termi-  
17 nation email formatted and provided by the business that a consumer can  
18 send to the business without additional information.

19 b. A business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or  
20 continuous service offer for an initial paid term of one year or longer,  
21 provided that such automatic renewal or continuous service renews for a  
22 paid term of six months or longer, shall] f. fail to notify [such] a  
23 consumer of [such upcoming] an automatic renewal or continuous service  
24 charge [to such consumer's account] for an automatic renewal or contin-  
25 uous service offer with an initial paid term of one year or longer at  
26 least fifteen days before, but not more than forty-five days before, the  
27 [cancellation deadline for such] date of the automatic renewal[. Such  
28 notice shall include instructions on how to cancel such renewal charge.

1 c. The provisions of paragraph b of this subdivision shall not apply  
2 to any business, or subsidiary or affiliate thereof, regulated by the  
3 public service commission or the federal communications commission.

4 4. In the case of a material change in the terms of the automatic  
5 renewal or continuous service offer that has been accepted by a consumer  
6 in this state, the business shall] in the manner selected by the consum-  
7 er, including text, email, app notification or any other notification  
8 channel offered by the business; or

9 g. fail to provide [the] a consumer who has accepted an automatic  
10 renewal or continuous service offer with a clear and conspicuous notice  
11 of [the] any material change [and provide information regarding how to  
12 cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer.

13 5. The requirements of this article shall apply only prior to the  
14 completion of the initial order for the automatic renewal or continuous  
15 service, except as follows:

16 a. The requirement in paragraph c of subdivision one of this section  
17 may be fulfilled after completion of the initial order.

18 b. The requirement in subdivision four of this section shall be  
19 fulfilled prior to implementation of the material change.

20 6.] to the terms of the automatic renewal or continuous service offer,  
21 including any previously undisclosed price increases, at least five  
22 business days prior to the date of the change, in the same manner as  
23 required by paragraph f of this subdivision.

24 2. In any case in which a business sends any goods, wares, merchan-  
25 dise, or products to a consumer, under a continuous service agreement or  
26 automatic renewal of a purchase, without first obtaining the consumer's  
27 affirmative consent, the goods, wares, merchandise, or products shall  
28 for all purposes be deemed an unconditional gift to the consumer, who

1 may use or dispose of the same in any manner [he or she] such consumer  
2 sees fit without any obligation whatsoever on the consumer's part to the  
3 business, including, but not limited to, bearing the cost of, or respon-  
4 sibility for, shipping any goods, wares, merchandise, or products to the  
5 business.

6 [7.] 3. Whenever there shall be a violation of this section, an appli-  
7 cation may be made by the attorney general in the name of the people of  
8 the state of New York to a court or justice having jurisdiction to issue  
9 an injunction, and upon notice to the defendant of not less than five  
10 days, to enjoin and restrain the continuance of such violations; and if  
11 it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court or justice that the  
12 defendant has in fact, violated this section, an injunction may be  
13 issued by such court or justice, enjoining and restraining any further  
14 violation, without requiring proof that any person has, in fact, been  
15 injured or damaged thereby. In any such proceeding the court may make  
16 allowances to the attorney general as provided in section eighty-three  
17 hundred three of the civil practice law and rules, and direct restitu-  
18 tion. In connection with any such proposed application, the attorney  
19 general is authorized to take proof and make a determination of the  
20 relevant facts and to issue subpoenas in accordance with the civil prac-  
21 tice law and rules. Whenever the court shall determine that a violation  
22 of this section has occurred, the court may impose a civil penalty of  
23 not more than one hundred dollars for a single violation and not more  
24 than five hundred dollars for multiple violations resulting from a  
25 single act or incident. A knowing violation of this section shall be  
26 punishable by a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars for  
27 a single violation and not more than one thousand dollars for multiple  
28 violations resulting from a single act or incident. No business shall be



1 deemed to have violated the provisions of this section if such business  
2 shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the violation was not  
3 intentional and resulted from a bona fide error made notwithstanding the  
4 maintenance of procedures reasonably adopted to avoid such error.

5 [8.] 4. The following are exempt from the requirements of this arti-  
6 cle:

7 a. any service provided by a business or its affiliate where either  
8 the business or its affiliate is doing business pursuant to a franchise  
9 issued by a political subdivision of the state;

10 b. any entity, or subsidiary or affiliate thereof, regulated by the  
11 department of financial services;

12 c. security system alarm operators;

13 d. banks, bank holding companies, or the subsidiary or affiliate of  
14 either, or credit unions or other financial institutions, licensed under  
15 state or federal law; [and]

16 e. sellers and administrators of a service contract, as defined pursu-  
17 ant to section seven thousand nine hundred two of the insurance law[.];  
18 and

19 f. any business, or subsidiary or affiliate thereof, regulated by the  
20 public service commission, the federal communications commission, or any  
21 other preemptive federal law or regulation.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
23 have become a law.

24 PART X

25 Section 1. Section 349-a of the general business law is renumbered  
26 349-h and a new section 349-a is added to read as follows:

1 § 349-a. Pricing. 1. As used in this section, the following terms  
2 shall have the following meanings:

3 (a) "Algorithm" means a computational process that uses a set of rules  
4 to define a sequence of operations.

5 (b) "Clear and conspicuous disclosure" means disclosure in the same  
6 medium as, and provided on, at, or near and contemporaneous with every  
7 advertisement, display, image, offer or announcement of a price for  
8 which notice is required, using lettering and wording that is easily  
9 visible and understandable to the average consumer.

10 (c) "Consumer" means a natural person who is seeking or solicited to  
11 purchase, lease or receive a good or service for personal, family or  
12 household use.

13 (d) "Consumer data" means any data that identifies or could reasonably  
14 be linked, directly or indirectly, with a specific natural person or  
15 device, excluding location data.

16 (e) "Dynamic pricing" means pricing that fluctuates dependent on  
17 conditions.

18 (f) "Personalized algorithmic pricing" means dynamic pricing derived  
19 from or set by an algorithm that uses consumer data as defined in this  
20 section, which may vary among individual consumers or consumer popu-  
21 lations.

22 (g) "Person" means any natural person, firm, organization, partner-  
23 ship, association, corporation, or any other entity domiciled or doing  
24 business in New York state.

25 2. It shall constitute a deceptive act or practice in violation of  
26 section three hundred forty-nine of this article for any person to know-  
27 ingly advertise, promote, label or publish a statement, display, image,  
28 offer or announcement of personalized algorithmic pricing using consumer

1 data specific to a particular individual without a clear and conspicuous  
2 disclosure that states:

3 "THIS PRICE WAS SET BY AN ALGORITHM USING YOUR PERSONAL DATA".

4 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 396 of the general business law is  
5 renumbered subdivision 4 and a new subdivision 3 is added to read as  
6 follows:

7 3. a. For purposes of this subdivision, "protected class data" means  
8 information about an individual person or groups of people that direct-  
9 ly, in combination, or by implication identifies a characteristic that  
10 is legally protected from discrimination under the laws of this state or  
11 under federal law, including but not limited to ethnicity, national  
12 origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and  
13 expression, pregnancy outcomes and reproductive health care.

14 b. No person, firm, partnership, association or corporation, or agent  
15 or employee thereof, shall use protected class data in setting a price  
16 for, offering, marketing, or selling any good or service if (1) the use  
17 of that data has the effect of withholding or denying any of the accom-  
18 modations, advantages, and privileges accorded to others, or (2) the  
19 price for such good or service is different from the price offered to  
20 other individuals or groups based in whole or in part on the use of  
21 protected class data.

22 § 3. Paragraph d of subdivision 4 of section 396 of the general busi-  
23 ness law, as added by chapter 689 of the laws of 2022 and as renumbered  
24 by section two of this act, is amended to read as follows:

25 d. In addition to any other remedies provided in this section, any  
26 person aggrieved by a violation of subdivision three of this section may  
27 file an action in accordance with section two hundred ninety-seven of  
28 the executive law. Nothing in this section shall in any way limit rights

1 or remedies which are otherwise available under law to the attorney  
2 general or any other person authorized to bring an action under this  
3 section.

4 § 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
5 have become a law.

6 PART Y

7 Section 1. The banking law is amended by adding a new article 14-B to  
8 read as follows:

9 ARTICLE 14-B

10 BUY-NOW-PAY-LATER LENDERS

11 Section 735. Short title.

12 736. Definitions.

13 737. License.

14 738. Conditions precedent to issuing a license; procedure where  
15 application is denied.

16 739. License provisions and posting.

17 740. Application for acquisition of control of buy-now-pay-later  
18 lender by purchase of stock.

19 741. Grounds for revocation or suspension of license; procedure.

20 742. Superintendent authorized to examine.

21 743. Licensee's books and records; reports.

22 744. Acts prohibited.

23 745. Interest and other charges.

24 746. Consumer protections.

25 747. Authority of superintendent.

26 748. Penalties.

1           749. Severability.

2       § 735. Short title. This article shall be known and may be cited as  
3 the "buy-now-pay-later act".

4       § 736. Definitions. As used in this article, the following terms shall  
5 have the following meanings:

6       1. "Consumer" means an individual who is a resident of the state of  
7 New York.

8       2. "Buy-now-pay-later loan" means closed-end credit provided to a  
9 consumer in connection with such consumer's particular purchase of goods  
10 and/or services, other than a motor vehicle as defined under section one  
11 hundred twenty-five of the vehicle and traffic law. A "buy-now-pay-later  
12 loan" does not include credit where the creditor is the seller of such  
13 goods and/or services, unless it is credit pursuant to an agreement  
14 whereby, at a consumer's request, the creditor purchases a specific good  
15 and/or service from a seller and resells such specific good and/or  
16 service to such consumer on closed-end credit.

17       3. "Buy-now-pay-later lender" means a person who offers buy-now-pay-  
18 later loans in this state. For purposes of the preceding sentence,  
19 "offer" means offering to make a buy-now-pay-later loan by extending  
20 credit directly to a consumer or operating a platform, software or  
21 system with which a consumer interacts and the primary purpose of which  
22 is to allow third parties to offer buy-now-pay-later loans, or both. A  
23 person shall not be considered a buy-now-pay-later lender on the basis  
24 of isolated, incidental or occasional transactions which otherwise meet  
25 the definitions of this section.

26       4. "Exempt organization" means any banking organization or foreign  
27 banking corporation licensed by the superintendent or the comptroller of  
28 the currency to transact business in this state or originating buy-now-

1 pay-later loans from a branch in this state subject to article five-C of  
2 this chapter, licensed lender licensed by the superintendent under arti-  
3 cle nine of this chapter, national bank, federal savings bank, federal  
4 savings and loan association, federal credit union, or state depository  
5 institution or state credit union as defined in 12 U.S.C. §§ 1813(c)(5)  
6 and 1752(6) respectively.

7 5. "Licensee" means a person who has been issued a license under this  
8 article.

9 6. "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association  
10 or any other business organization.

11 § 737. License. 1. No person or other entity, except an exempt organ-  
12 ization as defined in this article, shall act as a buy-now-pay-later  
13 lender without first obtaining a license from the superintendent under  
14 this article.

15 2. An application for a license shall be in writing, under oath, and  
16 in the form and containing such information as the superintendent may  
17 require.

18 3. At the time of filing an application for a license, the applicant  
19 shall pay to the superintendent a fee as prescribed pursuant to section  
20 eighteen-a of this chapter.

21 4. A license granted under this article shall be valid unless revoked  
22 or suspended by the superintendent or unless surrendered by the licensee  
23 and accepted by the superintendent.

24 5. In connection with an application for a license, the applicant  
25 shall submit an affidavit of financial solvency, including financial  
26 statements, noting such capitalization requirements and access to such  
27 credit or such other affirmation or information as may be prescribed by  
28 the regulations of the superintendent.

1    § 738. Conditions precedent to issuing a license; procedure where  
2 application is denied. 1. After the filing of an application for a  
3 license accompanied by payment of the fee pursuant to subdivision three  
4 of section seven hundred thirty-seven of this article, it shall be  
5 substantively reviewed. After the application is deemed sufficient and  
6 complete, if the superintendent finds that the financial responsibility,  
7 including meeting any capital requirements as established pursuant to  
8 subdivision three of this section, experience, character and general  
9 fitness of the applicant or any person associated with the applicant are  
10 such as to command the confidence of the community and to warrant the  
11 belief that the business will be conducted honestly, fairly and effi-  
12 ciently within the purposes and intent of this article, the superinten-  
13 dent shall issue the license. For the purpose of this subdivision, the  
14 applicant shall be deemed to include all the members of the applicant if  
15 it is a partnership or unincorporated association or organization, and  
16 all the stockholders, officers and directors of the applicant if it is a  
17 corporation.

18    2. If the superintendent refuses to issue a license, the superinten-  
19 dent shall notify the applicant of the denial and retain the fee paid  
20 pursuant to subdivision three of section seven hundred thirty-seven of  
21 this article.

22    3. The superintendent may promulgate rules and regulations setting  
23 capital requirements to ensure the solvency and financial integrity of  
24 licensees and their ongoing operations, taking into account the risks,  
25 volume of business, complexity, and other relevant factors regarding  
26 such licensees. Further, the superintendent may promulgate rules and  
27 regulations prescribing a methodology to calculate capital requirements  
28 with respect to licensees or categories thereof.

1 § 739. License provisions and posting. 1. A license issued under this  
2 article shall state the name and address of the licensee, and if the  
3 licensee be a co-partnership or association, the names of the members  
4 thereof, and if a corporation the date and place of its incorporation.

5 2. Such license shall be kept conspicuously posted on the mobile  
6 application, website, or other consumer interface of the licensee, as  
7 well as listed in the terms and conditions of any buy-now-pay-later loan  
8 offered or entered into by the licensee. The superintendent may provide  
9 by regulation an alternative form of notice of licensure.

10 3. A license issued under this article shall not be transferable or  
11 assignable.

12 § 740. Application for acquisition of control of buy-now-pay-later  
13 lender by purchase of stock. 1. It shall be unlawful except with the  
14 prior approval of the superintendent for any action to be taken which  
15 results in a change of control of the business of a licensee. Prior to  
16 any change of control, the person desirous of acquiring control of the  
17 business of a licensee shall make written application to the superinten-  
18 dent and pay an investigation fee as prescribed pursuant to section  
19 eighteen-a of this chapter to the superintendent. The application shall  
20 contain such information as the superintendent, by regulation, may  
21 prescribe as necessary or appropriate for the purpose of making the  
22 determination required by subdivision two of this section.

23 2. The superintendent shall approve or disapprove the proposed change  
24 of control of a licensee in accordance with the provisions of section  
25 seven hundred thirty-eight of this article.

26 3. For a period of six months from the date of qualification thereof  
27 and for such additional period of time as the superintendent may  
28 prescribe, in writing, the provisions of subdivisions one and two of



1 this section shall not apply to a transfer of control by operation of  
2 law to the legal representative, as hereinafter defined, of one who has  
3 control of a licensee. Thereafter, such legal representative shall  
4 comply with the provisions of subdivisions one and two of this section.  
5 The provisions of subdivisions one and two of this section shall be  
6 applicable to an application made under such section by a legal repre-  
7 sentative.

8 4. The term "legal representative," for the purposes of this section,  
9 shall mean one duly appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction to  
10 act as executor, administrator, trustee, committee, conservator or  
11 receiver, including one who succeeds a legal representative and one  
12 acting in an ancillary capacity thereto in accordance with the  
13 provisions of such court appointment.

14 5. As used in this section, the term "control" means the possession,  
15 directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of  
16 the management and policies of a licensee, whether through the ownership  
17 of voting stock of such licensee, the ownership of voting stock of any  
18 person which possesses such power or otherwise. Control shall be  
19 presumed to exist if any person, directly or indirectly, owns, controls  
20 or holds with power to vote ten per centum or more of the voting stock  
21 of any licensee or of any person which owns, controls or holds with  
22 power to vote ten per centum or more of the voting stock of any licen-  
23 see, but no person shall be deemed to control a licensee solely by  
24 reason of being an officer or director of such licensee or person. The  
25 superintendent may in the superintendent's discretion, upon the applica-  
26 tion of a licensee or any person who, directly or indirectly, owns,  
27 controls or holds with power to vote or seeks to own, control or hold  
28 with power to vote any voting stock of such licensee, determine whether

1 or not the ownership, control or holding of such voting stock consti-  
2 tutes or would constitute control of such licensee for purposes of this  
3 section.

4 § 741. Grounds for revocation or suspension of license; procedure. 1.  
5 A license granted under this article may be revoked or suspended by the  
6 superintendent upon a finding that:

7 (a) the licensee has violated any applicable law or regulation;

8 (b) any fact or condition exists which, if it had existed at the time  
9 of the original application for such license, clearly would have  
10 warranted the superintendent's refusal to issue such license; or

11 (c) the licensee has failed to pay any sum of money lawfully demanded  
12 by the superintendent or to comply with any demand, ruling or require-  
13 ment of the superintendent.

14 2. Any licensee may surrender any license by delivering to the super-  
15 intendent written notice that the licensee thereby surrenders such  
16 license. Such surrender shall be effective upon its acceptance by the  
17 superintendent, and shall not affect such licensee's civil or criminal  
18 liability for acts committed prior to such surrender.

19 3. Every license issued under this article shall remain in force and  
20 effect until the same shall have been surrendered, revoked or suspended,  
21 in accordance with the provisions of this article, but the superinten-  
22 dent shall have authority to reinstate suspended licenses or to issue a  
23 new license to a licensee whose license has been revoked if no fact or  
24 condition then exists which clearly would have warranted the superinten-  
25 dent's refusal to issue such license.

26 4. Whenever the superintendent shall revoke or suspend a license  
27 issued under this article, the superintendent shall forthwith execute a  
28 written order to that effect, which order may be reviewed in the manner

1 provided by article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.  
2 Such special proceeding for review as authorized by this section must be  
3 commenced within thirty days from the date of such order of suspension  
4 or revocation.

5 5. The superintendent may, for good cause, without notice and a hear-  
6 ing, suspend any license issued under this article for a period not  
7 exceeding thirty days, pending investigation. "Good cause," as used in  
8 this subdivision, shall exist only when the licensee has engaged in or  
9 is likely to engage in a practice prohibited by this article or the  
10 rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or engages in dishonest or  
11 inequitable practices which may cause substantial harm to the public.

12 6. No revocation, suspension or surrender of any license shall impair  
13 or affect any pre-existing lawful contracts between the licensee and any  
14 borrower.

15 § 742. Superintendent authorized to examine. 1. The superintendent  
16 shall have the power to make such investigations as the superintendent  
17 shall deem necessary to determine whether any buy-now-pay-later lender  
18 or any other person has violated any of the provisions of this article  
19 or any other applicable law, or whether any licensee has conducted  
20 itself in such manner as would justify the revocation of its license,  
21 and to the extent necessary therefor, the superintendent may require the  
22 attendance of and examine any person under oath, and shall have the  
23 power to compel the production of all relevant books, records, accounts,  
24 and documents.

25 2. The superintendent shall have the power to make such examinations  
26 of the books, records, accounts and documents used in the business of  
27 any licensee as the superintendent shall deem necessary to determine  
28 whether any such licensee has violated any of the provisions of this

1 chapter or any other applicable law or to secure information lawfully  
2 required by the superintendent.

3 § 743. Licensee's books and records; reports. 1. A buy-now-pay-later  
4 lender shall keep and use in its business such books, accounts and  
5 records as will enable the superintendent to determine whether such  
6 buy-now-pay-later lender is complying with the provisions of this arti-  
7 cle and with the rules and regulations promulgated by the superintendent  
8 thereunder. Every buy-now-pay-later lender shall preserve such books,  
9 accounts and records for at least six years after making the final entry  
10 in respect to any buy-now-pay-later loan recorded therein; provided,  
11 however, the preservation of photographic or digital reproductions ther-  
12 eof or records in photographic or digital form shall constitute compli-  
13 ance with this requirement.

14 2. By a date to be set by the superintendent, each licensee shall  
15 annually file a report with the superintendent giving such information  
16 as the superintendent may require concerning the licensee's business and  
17 operations during the preceding calendar year within the state under the  
18 authority of this article. Such report shall be subscribed and affirmed  
19 as true by the licensee under the penalties of perjury and be in the  
20 form prescribed by the superintendent. In addition to such annual  
21 reports, the superintendent may require of licensees such additional  
22 regular or special reports as the superintendent may deem necessary to  
23 the proper supervision of licensees under this article. Such additional  
24 reports shall be in the form prescribed by the superintendent and shall  
25 be subscribed and affirmed as true under the penalties of perjury.

26 § 744. Acts prohibited. 1. No buy-now-pay-later lender shall take or  
27 cause to be taken any confession of judgment or any power of attorney to  
28 confess judgment or to appear for the consumer in a judicial proceeding.

1 2. No buy-now-pay-later lender shall:

2 (a) employ any scheme, device, or artifice to defraud or mislead a  
3 borrower;

4 (b) engage in any unfair, deceptive or abusive act or practice toward  
5 any person or misrepresent or omit any material information in  
6 connection with the buy-now-pay-later loans, including, but not limited  
7 to, misrepresenting the amount, nature or terms of any fee or payment  
8 due or claimed to be due on the loan, the terms and conditions of the  
9 loan agreement or the borrower's obligations under the loan;

10 (c) misapply payments to the outstanding balance of any buy-now-pay-  
11 later loan or to any related fees;

12 (d) provide inaccurate information to a consumer reporting agency; or

13 (e) make any false statement or make any omission of a material fact  
14 in connection with any information or reports filed with a governmental  
15 agency or in connection with any investigation conducted by the super-  
16 intendent or another governmental agency.

17 § 745. Interest and other charges. 1. Subject to applicable federal  
18 law, no buy-now-pay-later lender shall charge, contract for, or other-  
19 wise receive from a consumer any interest, discount, or other consider-  
20 ation in connection with a buy-now-pay-later loan, whether directly or  
21 indirectly, greater than the rate permitted by section 5-501 of the  
22 general obligations law.

23 2. The superintendent may establish a standard amount or percentage  
24 for total maximum charge or fee in connection with late payment, default  
25 or any other violation of the buy-now-pay-later loan agreement that a  
26 buy-now-pay-later lender can charge a consumer. Such fee or charge shall  
27 not be collected more than once for a single such late payment, default,  
28 or other violation of the buy-now-pay-later loan agreement.

1 3. The superintendent may promulgate rules and regulations regarding  
2 the manner of charging interest and fees described in this section.

3 § 746. Consumer protections. 1. A buy-now-pay-later lender shall  
4 disclose or cause to be disclosed to consumers the terms of buy-now-pay-  
5 later loans, including the cost, such as interest and fees, repayment  
6 schedule, whether the transaction will or will not be reported to a  
7 credit reporting agency, and other material conditions, in a clear and  
8 conspicuous manner. Disclosures shall comply with applicable federal  
9 regulations, including but not limited to regulation Z of title I of the  
10 Consumer Credit Protection Act.

11 2. Subject to regulations to be promulgated by the superintendent, a  
12 buy-now-pay-later lender shall, before providing or causing to be  
13 provided a buy-now-pay-later loan to a consumer, make, or cause to be  
14 made, a reasonable determination that such consumer has the ability to  
15 repay the buy-now-pay-later loan. No licensee shall collect, evaluate,  
16 report, or maintain in the file on a borrower the credit worthiness,  
17 credit standing, or credit capacity of members of the borrower's social  
18 network for purposes of determining the credit worthiness of the borrow-  
19 er; the average credit worthiness, credit standing, or credit capacity  
20 of members of the borrower's social network; or any group score that is  
21 not the borrower's own credit worthiness, credit standing, or credit  
22 capacity.

23 3. A buy-now-pay-later lender shall maintain or cause to be maintained  
24 policies and procedures for maintaining accurate data that may be  
25 reported to credit reporting agencies. The superintendent may promulgate  
26 rules and regulations requiring that buy-now-pay-later lenders report or  
27 cause to be reported data on buy-now-pay-later loans to credit reporting

1 agencies, requiring that such reporting occur in a particular manner, or  
2 prohibiting such reporting.

3 4. A buy-now-pay-later lender shall provide or cause to be provided  
4 refunds or credits for goods or services purchased in connection with a  
5 buy-now-pay-later loan, upon consumer request, in a manner that is fair,  
6 transparent, and not unduly burdensome to consumers. A buy-now-pay-later  
7 lender shall maintain or cause to be maintained policies and procedures  
8 to provide such refunds or credits. Such policies and procedures shall  
9 be fair, transparent, and not unduly burdensome to the consumer. A buy-  
10 now-pay-later lender shall disclose or cause to be disclosed to consum-  
11 ers, in a clear and conspicuous manner, the process by which they can  
12 obtain refunds or credits for goods or services they have purchased in  
13 connection with a buy-now-pay-later loan.

14 5. A buy-now-pay-later lender shall resolve or cause to be resolved  
15 disputes in a manner that is fair and transparent to consumers. A buy-  
16 now-pay-later lender shall create or cause to be created a readily  
17 available and prominently disclosed method for consumers to bring a  
18 dispute to the buy-now-pay-later lender. A buy-now-pay-later lender  
19 shall maintain policies and procedures for handling consumer disputes.  
20 The superintendent may promulgate rules and regulations regarding treat-  
21 ment of unauthorized use, so that consumers are liable for use of buy-  
22 now-pay-later loans in their name only under circumstances where such  
23 liability would be fair and reasonable. A buy-now-pay-later lender shall  
24 apply to buy-now-pay-later loans the dispute rights and unauthorized  
25 charges requirements that apply to credit cards under the Truth in Lend-  
26 ing Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1643, 1666, 1666a, 1666i, regardless of whether  
27 such law applies to buy-now-pay-later loans or whether the buy-now-pay-  
28 later lender offers a credit card within the scope of such law.

1 6. A buy-now-pay-later lender may use, sell, or share the data of a  
2 consumer, other than in connection with the making of a particular buy-  
3 now-pay-later loan to the consumer, only with the consumer's consent. A  
4 buy-now-pay-later lender shall disclose or cause to be disclosed to a  
5 consumer in a clear and conspicuous manner how such consumer's data may  
6 be used, shared, or sold by the buy-now-pay-later lender before obtain-  
7 ing such consumer's consent and also shall disclose or cause to be  
8 disclosed to such consumer in a clear and conspicuous manner how such  
9 consumer may subsequently withdraw consent to such use, sharing, or  
10 sale. The superintendent, in their discretion, may by regulation prohib-  
11 it certain uses of consumer data. A buy-now-pay-later lender shall main-  
12 tain policies and procedures regarding its use, sale, and sharing of  
13 consumers' data.

14 7. Any buy-now-pay-later loan made by a person not licensed under this  
15 article, other than an exempt organization, shall be void, and such  
16 person shall have no right to collect or receive any principal, interest  
17 or charge whatsoever.

18 § 747. Authority of superintendent. 1. The superintendent is author-  
19 ized to promulgate such general rules and regulations as may be appro-  
20 priate to implement the provisions of this article, protect consumers,  
21 and ensure the solvency and financial integrity of buy-now-pay-later  
22 lenders. The superintendent is further authorized to make such specific  
23 rulings, demands, and findings as may be necessary for the proper  
24 conduct of the business authorized and licensed under and for the  
25 enforcement of this article, in addition hereto and not inconsistent  
26 herewith.

27 2. In addition to such powers as may otherwise be prescribed by law,  
28 the superintendent is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate such



1 rules and regulations as may in the judgment of the superintendent be  
2 consistent with the purposes of this article, or appropriate for the  
3 effective administration of this article, including, but not limited to:

4 (a) such rules and regulations in connection with the activities of  
5 buy-now-pay-later lenders as may be necessary and appropriate for the  
6 protection of borrowers in this state;

7 (b) such rules and regulations as may be necessary and appropriate to  
8 define unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts or practices in connection  
9 with the activities of buy-now-pay-later lenders;

10 (c) such rules and regulations as may define the terms used in this  
11 article and as may be necessary and appropriate to interpret and imple-  
12 ment the provisions of this article; and

13 (d) such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the enforcement  
14 of this article.

15 § 748. Penalties. 1. Any person, including any member, officer, direc-  
16 tor or employee of a buy-now-pay-later lender, who violates or partic-  
17 ipates in the violation of section seven hundred thirty-seven of this  
18 article, or who knowingly makes any incorrect statement of a material  
19 fact in any application, report or statement filed pursuant to this  
20 article, or who knowingly omits to state any material fact necessary to  
21 give the superintendent any information lawfully required by the super-  
22 intendent or refuses to permit any lawful investigation or examination,  
23 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined  
24 not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six  
25 months or both, in the discretion of the court.

26 2. Without limiting any power granted to the superintendent under any  
27 other provision of this chapter, the superintendent may, in a proceeding  
28 after notice and a hearing require a buy-now-pay-later lender, whether

1 or not a licensee, to pay to the people of this state a penalty for any  
2 violation of this chapter, any rule or regulation promulgated there-  
3 under, any final or temporary order issued pursuant to section thirty-  
4 nine of this chapter, any condition imposed in writing by the super-  
5 intendent in connection with the grant of any application or request, or  
6 any written agreement entered into with the superintendent, and for  
7 knowingly making any incorrect statement of a material fact in any  
8 application, report or statement filed pursuant to this article, or  
9 knowingly omitting to state any material fact necessary to give the  
10 superintendent any information lawfully required by the superintendent  
11 or refusing to permit any lawful investigation or examination. As to any  
12 buy-now-pay-later lender that is not a licensee or an exempt organiza-  
13 tion, the superintendent is authorized to impose a penalty in the same  
14 amount authorized in section forty-four of this chapter for a violation  
15 of this chapter by any person licensed, certified, registered, author-  
16 ized, chartered, accredited, incorporated or otherwise approved by the  
17 superintendent under this chapter.

18 3. No person except a buy-now-pay-later lender licensed under this  
19 article shall make, directly or indirectly, orally or in writing, or by  
20 any method, practice or device, a representation that such person is  
21 licensed under this article.

22 § 749. Severability. If any provision of this article or the applica-  
23 tion thereof to any person or circumstances is held to be invalid, such  
24 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this  
25 article which can be given effect without the invalid provision or  
26 application, and to this end the provisions of this article are severa-  
27 ble.

1 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 36 of the banking law, as amended by  
2 chapter 146 of the laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

3 1. The superintendent shall have the power to examine every banking  
4 organization, every bank holding company and any non-banking subsidiary  
5 thereof (as such terms "bank holding company" and "non-banking subsid-  
6 iary" are defined in article three-A of this chapter) and every licensed  
7 lender and licensed buy-now-pay-later lender at any time prior to its  
8 dissolution whenever in [his] the superintendent's judgment such exam-  
9 ination is necessary or advisable.

10 § 3. Subdivision 10 of section 36 of the banking law, as amended by  
11 section 2 of part L of chapter 58 of the laws of 2019, is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 10. All reports of examinations and investigations, correspondence and  
14 memoranda concerning or arising out of such examination and investi-  
15 gations, including any duly authenticated copy or copies thereof in the  
16 possession of any banking organization, bank holding company or any  
17 subsidiary thereof (as such terms "bank holding company" and "subsid-  
18 iary" are defined in article three-A of this chapter), any corporation  
19 or any other entity affiliated with a banking organization within the  
20 meaning of subdivision six of this section and any non-banking subsid-  
21 iary of a corporation or any other entity which is an affiliate of a  
22 banking organization within the meaning of subdivision six-a of this  
23 section, foreign banking corporation, licensed lender, licensed buy-now-  
24 pay-later lender, licensed casher of checks, licensed mortgage banker,  
25 registered mortgage broker, licensed mortgage loan originator, licensed  
26 sales finance company, registered mortgage loan servicer, licensed  
27 student loan servicer, licensed insurance premium finance agency,  
28 licensed transmitter of money, licensed budget planner, any other person

1 or entity subject to supervision under this chapter, or the department,  
2 shall be confidential communications, shall not be subject to subpoena  
3 and shall not be made public unless, in the judgment of the superinten-  
4 dent, the ends of justice and the public advantage will be subserved by  
5 the publication thereof, in which event the superintendent may publish  
6 or authorize the publication of a copy of any such report or any part  
7 thereof in such manner as may be deemed proper or unless such laws  
8 specifically authorize such disclosure. For the purposes of this subdivi-  
9 sion, "reports of examinations and investigations, and any correspond-  
10 ence and memoranda concerning or arising out of such examinations and  
11 investigations", includes any such materials of a bank, insurance or  
12 securities regulatory agency or any unit of the federal government or  
13 that of this state any other state or that of any foreign government  
14 which are considered confidential by such agency or unit and which are  
15 in the possession of the department or which are otherwise confidential  
16 materials that have been shared by the department with any such agency  
17 or unit and are in the possession of such agency or unit.

18 § 4. Subdivisions 3 and 5 of section 37 of the banking law, as amended  
19 by chapter 360 of the laws of 1984, are amended to read as follows:

20 3. In addition to any reports expressly required by this chapter to be  
21 made, the superintendent may require any banking organization, licensed  
22 lender, licensed buy-now-pay-later lender, licensed cashier of checks,  
23 licensed mortgage banker, foreign banking corporation licensed by the  
24 superintendent to do business in this state, bank holding company and  
25 any non-banking subsidiary thereof, corporate affiliate of a corporate  
26 banking organization within the meaning of subdivision six of section  
27 thirty-six of this article and any non-banking subsidiary of a corpo-  
28 ration which is an affiliate of a corporate banking organization within

1 the meaning of subdivision six-a of section thirty-six of this article  
2 to make special reports to [him] the superintendent at such times as  
3 [he] the superintendent may prescribe.

4 5. The superintendent may extend at [his] the superintendent's  
5 discretion the time within which a banking organization, foreign banking  
6 corporation licensed by the superintendent to do business in this state,  
7 bank holding company or any non-banking subsidiary thereof, licensed  
8 cashier of checks, licensed mortgage banker, private banker, licensed  
9 buy-now-pay-later lender or licensed lender is required to make and file  
10 any report to the superintendent.

11 § 5. Section 39 of the banking law, as amended by section 3 of part L  
12 of chapter 58 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

13 § 39. Orders of superintendent. 1. To appear and explain an apparent  
14 violation. Whenever it shall appear to the superintendent that any bank-  
15 ing organization, bank holding company, registered mortgage broker,  
16 licensed mortgage banker, licensed student loan servicer, registered  
17 mortgage loan servicer, licensed mortgage loan originator, licensed  
18 lender, licensed buy-now-pay-later lender, licensed cashier of checks,  
19 licensed sales finance company, licensed insurance premium finance agen-  
20 cy, licensed transmitter of money, licensed budget planner, out-of-state  
21 state bank that maintains a branch or branches or representative or  
22 other offices in this state, or foreign banking corporation licensed by  
23 the superintendent to do business or maintain a representative office in  
24 this state has violated any law or regulation, [he or she] the super-  
25 intendent may, in [his or her] the superintendent's discretion, issue an  
26 order describing such apparent violation and requiring such banking  
27 organization, bank holding company, registered mortgage broker, licensed  
28 mortgage banker, licensed student loan servicer, licensed mortgage loan

1 originator, licensed lender, licensed buy-now-pay-later lender, licensed  
2 cashier of checks, licensed sales finance company, licensed insurance  
3 premium finance agency, licensed transmitter of money, licensed budget  
4 planner, out-of-state state bank that maintains a branch or branches or  
5 representative or other offices in this state, or foreign banking corpo-  
6 ration to appear before [him or her] the superintendent, at a time and  
7 place fixed in said order, to present an explanation of such apparent  
8 violation.

9 2. To discontinue unauthorized or unsafe and unsound practices. When-  
10 ever it shall appear to the superintendent that any banking organiza-  
11 tion, bank holding company, registered mortgage broker, licensed mort-  
12 gage banker, licensed student loan servicer, registered mortgage loan  
13 servicer, licensed mortgage loan originator, licensed lender, licensed  
14 buy-now-pay-later lender, licensed cashier of checks, licensed sales  
15 finance company, licensed insurance premium finance agency, licensed  
16 transmitter of money, licensed budget planner, out-of-state state bank  
17 that maintains a branch or branches or representative or other offices  
18 in this state, or foreign banking corporation licensed by the super-  
19 intendent to do business in this state is conducting business in an  
20 unauthorized or unsafe and unsound manner, [he or she] the superinten-  
21 dent may, in [his or her] the superintendent's discretion, issue an  
22 order directing the discontinuance of such unauthorized or unsafe and  
23 unsound practices, and fixing a time and place at which such banking  
24 organization, bank holding company, registered mortgage broker, licensed  
25 mortgage banker, licensed student loan servicer, registered mortgage  
26 loan servicer, licensed mortgage loan originator, licensed lender,  
27 licensed buy-now-pay-later lender, licensed cashier of checks, licensed  
28 sales finance company, licensed insurance premium finance agency,

1 licensed transmitter of money, licensed budget planner, out-of-state  
2 state bank that maintains a branch or branches or representative or  
3 other offices in this state, or foreign banking corporation may volun-  
4 tarily appear before [him or her] the superintendent to present any  
5 explanation in defense of the practices directed in said order to be  
6 discontinued.

7 3. To make good impairment of capital or to ensure compliance with  
8 financial requirements. Whenever it shall appear to the superintendent  
9 that the capital or capital stock of any banking organization, bank  
10 holding company or any subsidiary thereof which is organized, licensed  
11 or registered pursuant to this chapter, is impaired, or the financial  
12 requirements imposed by subdivision one of section two hundred two-b of  
13 this chapter or any regulation of the superintendent on any branch or  
14 agency of a foreign banking corporation or the financial requirements  
15 imposed by this chapter or any regulation of the superintendent on any  
16 licensed lender, licensed buy-now-pay-later lender, registered mortgage  
17 broker, licensed mortgage banker, licensed student loan servicer,  
18 licensed casher of checks, licensed sales finance company, licensed  
19 insurance premium finance agency, licensed transmitter of money,  
20 licensed budget planner or private banker are not satisfied, the super-  
21 intendent may, in the superintendent's discretion, issue an order  
22 directing that such banking organization, bank holding company, branch  
23 or agency of a foreign banking corporation, registered mortgage broker,  
24 licensed mortgage banker, licensed student loan servicer, licensed lend-  
25 er, licensed buy-now-pay-later lender, licensed casher of checks,  
26 licensed sales finance company, licensed insurance premium finance agen-  
27 cy, licensed transmitter of money, licensed budget planner, or private

1 banker make good such deficiency forthwith or within a time specified in  
2 such order.

3 4. To make good encroachments on reserves. Whenever it shall appear to  
4 the superintendent that either the total reserves or reserves on hand of  
5 any banking organization, branch or agency of a foreign banking corpo-  
6 ration are below the amount required by or pursuant to this chapter or  
7 any other applicable provision of law or regulation to be maintained, or  
8 that such banking organization, branch or agency of a foreign banking  
9 corporation is not keeping its reserves on hand as required by this  
10 chapter or any other applicable provision of law or regulation, [he or  
11 she] the superintendent may, in [his or her] the superintendent's  
12 discretion, issue an order directing that such banking organization,  
13 branch or agency of a foreign banking corporation make good such  
14 reserves forthwith or within a time specified in such order, or that it  
15 keep its reserves on hand as required by this chapter.

16 5. To keep books and accounts as prescribed. Whenever it shall appear  
17 to the superintendent that any banking organization, bank holding compa-  
18 ny, registered mortgage broker, licensed mortgage banker, licensed  
19 student loan servicer, registered mortgage loan servicer, licensed mort-  
20 gage loan originator, licensed lender, licensed buy-now-pay-later lend-  
21 er, licensed cashier of checks, licensed sales finance company, licensed  
22 insurance premium finance agency, licensed transmitter of money,  
23 licensed budget planner, agency or branch of a foreign banking corpo-  
24 ration licensed by the superintendent to do business in this state, does  
25 not keep its books and accounts in such manner as to enable [him or her]  
26 the superintendent to readily ascertain its true condition, [he or she]  
27 the superintendent may, in [his or her] the superintendent's discretion,  
28 issue an order requiring such banking organization, bank holding compa-



1 ny, registered mortgage broker, licensed mortgage banker, licensed  
2 student loan servicer, registered mortgage loan servicer, licensed mort-  
3 gage loan originator, licensed lender, licensed buy-now-pay-later lend-  
4 er, licensed cashier of checks, licensed sales finance company, licensed  
5 insurance premium finance agency, licensed transmitter of money,  
6 licensed budget planner, or foreign banking corporation, or the officers  
7 or agents thereof, or any of them, to open and keep such books or  
8 accounts as [he or she] the superintendent may, in [his or her] the  
9 superintendent's discretion, determine and prescribe for the purpose of  
10 keeping accurate and convenient records of its transactions and  
11 accounts.

12 6. As used in this section, "bank holding company" shall have the same  
13 meaning as that term is defined in section one hundred forty-one of this  
14 chapter.

15 § 6. Subdivision 1 of section 42 of the banking law, as amended by  
16 chapter 65 of the laws of 1948, is amended to read as follows:

17 1. The name and the location of the principal office of every proposed  
18 corporation, private banker, licensed lender, licensed buy-now-pay-later  
19 lender and licensed cashier of checks, the organization certificate,  
20 private banker's certificate or application for license of which has  
21 been filed for examination, and the date of such filing.

22 § 7. Subdivision 2 of section 42 of the banking law, as amended by  
23 chapter 553 of the laws of 1960, is amended to read as follows:

24 2. The name and location of every licensed lender, licensed buy-now-  
25 pay-later lender and licensed cashier of checks, and the name, location,  
26 amount of capital stock or permanent capital and amount of surplus of  
27 every corporation and private banker and the minimum assets required of

1 every branch of a foreign banking corporation authorized to commence  
2 business, and the date of authorization or licensing.

3 § 8. Subdivision 3 of section 42 of the banking law, as amended by  
4 chapter 553 of the laws of 1960, is amended to read as follows:

5 3. The name of every proposed corporation, private banker, branch of a  
6 foreign banking corporation, licensed lender, licensed buy-now-pay-later  
7 lender and licensed casher of checks to which a certificate of authori-  
8 zation or a license has been refused and the date of notice of refusal.

9 § 9. Subdivision 4 of section 42 of the banking law, as amended by  
10 chapter 60 of the laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

11 4. The name and location of every private banker, licensed lender,  
12 licensed casher of checks, sales finance company, licensed buy-now-pay-  
13 later lender and foreign corporation the authorization certificate or  
14 license of which has been revoked, and the date of such revocation.

15 § 10. Subdivision 5 of section 42 of the banking law, as amended by  
16 chapter 249 of the laws of 1968, is amended to read as follows:

17 5. The name of every banking organization, licensed lender, licensed  
18 casher of checks, licensed buy-now-pay-later lender and foreign corpo-  
19 ration which has applied for leave to change its place or one of its  
20 places of business and the places from and to which the change is  
21 proposed to be made; the name of every banking organization which has  
22 applied to change the designation of its principal office to a branch  
23 office and to change the designation of one of its branch offices to its  
24 principal office, and the location of the principal office which is  
25 proposed to be redesignated as a branch office and of the branch office  
26 which is proposed to be redesignated as the principal office.

27 § 11. Subdivision 6 of section 42 of the banking law, as amended by  
28 chapter 249 of the laws of 1968, is amended to read as follows:

1 6. The name of every banking organization, licensed lender, licensed  
2 cashier of checks, licensed buy-now-pay-later lender and foreign corpo-  
3 ration authorized to change its place or one of its places of business  
4 and the date when and the places from and to which the change is author-  
5 ized to be made; the name of every banking organization authorized to  
6 change the designation of its principal office to a branch office and to  
7 change the designation of a branch office to its principal office, the  
8 location of the redesignated principal office and of the redesignated  
9 branch office, and the date of such change.

10 § 12. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 44 of the banking law,  
11 as amended by section 4 of part L of chapter 58 of the laws of 2019, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (a) Without limiting any power granted to the superintendent under any  
14 other provision of this chapter, the superintendent may, in a proceeding  
15 after notice and a hearing, require any safe deposit company, licensed  
16 lender, licensed buy-now-pay-later lender, licensed cashier of checks,  
17 licensed sales finance company, licensed insurance premium finance agen-  
18 cy, licensed transmitter of money, licensed mortgage banker, licensed  
19 student loan servicer, registered mortgage broker, licensed mortgage  
20 loan originator, registered mortgage loan servicer or licensed budget  
21 planner to pay to the people of this state a penalty for any violation  
22 of this chapter, any regulation promulgated thereunder, any final or  
23 temporary order issued pursuant to section thirty-nine of this article,  
24 any condition imposed in writing by the superintendent in connection  
25 with the grant of any application or request, or any written agreement  
26 entered into with the superintendent.

27 § 13. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day  
28 after the department of financial services shall have promulgated rules

1 and/or regulations to effectuate the provisions of this act; provided  
2 that the department of financial services shall notify the legislative  
3 bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the promulgation of the  
4 rules and regulations necessary to effectuate and enforce the provisions  
5 of section two of this act, in order that the commission may maintain an  
6 accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws  
7 of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions  
8 of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public  
9 officers law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
10 repeal of any rule or regulation authorized to be made by the super-  
11 intendent pursuant to this act is authorized to be made and completed on  
12 or before such effective date.

13 PART Z

14 Section 1. Section 2911 of the insurance law is amended by adding a  
15 new subsection (d) to read as follows:

16 (d) (1) Not later than July first of each year, a pharmacy benefit  
17 manager required to be licensed under this article shall publish a  
18 report on its website which contains, for the immediately preceding  
19 calendar year, the following information:

20 (A) the aggregated dollar amount of rebates, fees, price protection  
21 payments and any other payments the pharmacy benefit manager received  
22 from drug manufacturers through a rebate contract;

23 (B) the portions of the amount in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph  
24 which were:

25 (i) passed on to health plans; or

26 (ii) retained by the pharmacy benefit manager; and

1 (C) for each rebate contract in effect during the reporting period:  
2 (i) the names of the contracting parties;  
3 (ii) the execution date and the term of the contract, including exten-  
4 sions;  
5 (iii) the name of the drugs and the associated national drug codes  
6 covered by the rebate contract, and for each drug:  
7 (I) a summary of the contract terms regarding formulary placement,  
8 formulary exclusion, or prior authorization requirements or step edits,  
9 of any drugs considered to compete with each drug;  
10 (II) a summary of all terms requiring or incentivizing volume or  
11 market share for each drug, including base rebate amounts, bundled  
12 rebates and incremental rebates, stated separately, and price conces-  
13 sion, stated separately for each drug; and  
14 (III) the total number of prescriptions filled and units dispensed for  
15 which a rebate, discount, price concession or other consideration was  
16 received by the pharmacy benefit manager for each drug;  
17 (iv) the rebate percentage and dollar amount retained by the pharmacy  
18 benefit manager for every rebate, discount, price concession or other  
19 consideration under each rebate contract; and  
20 (v) the dollar amount of any other compensation paid by a drug  
21 manufacturer to a pharmacy benefit manager for services including  
22 distribution management services, data or data services, marketing or  
23 promotional services, research programs, or other ancillary services,  
24 under each rebate contract.  
25 (D) For the purposes of this subsection, the term "rebate contract"  
26 means any agreement entered into by a pharmacy benefit manager with any  
27 drug manufacturer or agent or affiliate of a drug manufacturer that  
28 determines any rebate, discount, administrative or other fee, price

1 concession, or other consideration related to the dispensing of  
2 prescription drugs for a health plan.

3 (E) A copy of the report required by this subsection shall be filed  
4 with the superintendent and with the department of health no later than  
5 July first each year.

6 § 2. Severability. If any provision of this act, or any application of  
7 any provision of this act, is held to be invalid, that shall not affect  
8 the validity or effectiveness of any other provision of this act, or of  
9 any other application of any provision of this act.

10 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
11 it shall have become a law.

12 PART AA

13 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section  
14 352-m to read as follows:

15 § 352-m. Protecting eligible adults from exploitation. 1. Definitions.  
16 As used in this section the following terms shall have the following  
17 meanings:

18 (a) "Adult protective services" means the division of the New York  
19 city human resources administration and each county agency responsible  
20 for providing adult protective services pursuant to section four hundred  
21 seventy-three of the social services law.

22 (b) "Eligible adult" means an individual who is: sixty years of age or  
23 older; or at least the age of eighteen and who, because of mental or  
24 physical impairment, is unable to manage their own resources or protect  
25 themselves from financial exploitation without assistance from others.

1 (c) "Financial exploitation" means: (i) the improper use of an eligi-  
2 ble adult's funds, property, income or assets; or (ii) any act or omis-  
3 sion by a person, including through the use of a power of attorney,  
4 guardianship or any other authority regarding an eligible adult to: (A)  
5 obtain control, through deception, intimidation, threats or undue influ-  
6 ence over the eligible adult's money, assets, income or property; or

7 (B) convert the eligible adult's money, assets, income or property.

8 (d) "Law enforcement agency" means any agency, which is empowered by  
9 law to make an arrest for a felony, and any agency which is authorized  
10 by law to prosecute a felony and including any police officer as defined  
11 by subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law  
12 and any prosecutor.

13 (e) "Qualified individual" means any agent, investment adviser repre-  
14 sentative or person who serves in a supervisory, compliance, legal, or  
15 senior or vulnerable adult protection capacity for a broker-dealer or  
16 investment adviser.

17 2. Notification. If a broker-dealer, investment adviser, or qualified  
18 individual reasonably believes financial exploitation of an eligible  
19 adult has occurred, has been attempted, or is being attempted, such  
20 broker-dealer, investment adviser, or qualified individual may promptly  
21 notify the adult protective services and/or law enforcement.

22 3. Application of transaction hold. (a) If a broker-dealer, invest-  
23 ment adviser, or qualified individual reasonably believes that financial  
24 exploitation of an eligible adult may have occurred, may have been  
25 attempted, or is being attempted, then such broker-dealer, investment  
26 adviser, or qualified individual may place a transaction hold on such  
27 transaction.

1 (b) A broker-dealer, investment adviser, or qualified individual shall  
2 hold a transaction if adult protective services or a law enforcement  
3 agency notifies such broker-dealer, investment adviser, or qualified  
4 individual that it reasonably believes that the transaction is the  
5 subject of or related to financial exploitation of an eligible adult.

6 (c) A broker-dealer, investment adviser, or qualified individual that  
7 applies a transaction hold shall: (i) provide notice of such hold, in  
8 writing, to all parties authorized to transact business on the account  
9 that is the subject of a transaction hold, as well as any designated  
10 third party, no later than two business day after the application of the  
11 transaction hold; (ii) if the transaction hold has been applied pursuant  
12 to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, no later than two business days  
13 after application of the transaction hold, notify adult protective  
14 services and/or a law enforcement agency of the belief of financial  
15 exploitation and the transaction hold; and (iii) at the request of adult  
16 protective services or a law enforcement agency, provide any information  
17 and documents relating to the transaction hold within three business  
18 days after the request for such information or documents.

19 4. Duration of transaction hold. A transaction hold shall expire  
20 fifteen business days after its application except that (i) a trans-  
21 action hold may be extended for up to forty additional business days if  
22 there is a continued reasonable belief of exploitation, unless sooner  
23 terminated or further extended by adult protective services, law  
24 enforcement, any agency of competent jurisdiction or a court of compe-  
25 tent jurisdiction; (ii) if a broker-dealer, investment adviser, or qual-  
26 ified individual no longer reasonably believes that a transaction is the  
27 subject of or related to financial exploitation, it shall release such  
28 transaction, provided that adult protective services or the law enforce-



1 ment agency that the broker-dealer, investment adviser, or qualified  
2 individual has notified of such hold pursuant to subparagraph (i) of  
3 paragraph (c) of subdivision three of this section does not object.

4 5. Records. A broker-dealer or investment adviser shall provide access  
5 to or copies of records that are relevant to the suspected or attempted  
6 financial exploitation of an eligible adult to adult protective  
7 services, an agency of competent jurisdiction, and law enforcement,  
8 either as part of a notification or at the request of adult protective  
9 services, a law enforcement agency, or an agency of competent jurisdic-  
10 tion. All records made available to adult protective services, an agency  
11 of competent jurisdiction, or law enforcement shall be considered confi-  
12 dential records and shall not be available for examination by the  
13 public.

14 6. Trainings and written procedures. Before placing a delay on a  
15 disbursement or transaction pursuant to this section, a broker-dealer,  
16 investment adviser, or qualified individual must do all of the follow-  
17 ing: (a) develop training policies or programs reasonably designed to  
18 educate employees who perform or approve transactions on behalf of  
19 customers on issues pertaining to financial exploitation of specified  
20 adults; (b) conduct training for employees described in paragraph (a) of  
21 this subdivision as soon as reasonably practicable and maintain a writ-  
22 ten record of all trainings conducted. With respect to an individual  
23 who begins employment with covered broker-dealer, investment adviser, or  
24 qualified individual after July first, two thousand twenty-four, such  
25 training must be conducted within one year after the date on which the  
26 individual becomes employed by or affiliated or associated with the  
27 covered broker-dealer, investment adviser, or qualified individual; and  
28 (c) develop, maintain, and enforce written procedures regarding the

1 manner in which suspected financial exploitation is reviewed internally,  
2 including, if applicable, the manner in which suspected financial  
3 exploitation is required to be reported to supervisory personnel.

4 7. Immunity. A broker-dealer, investment adviser, or a qualified indi-  
5 vidual shall be immune from civil and administrative liability for good  
6 faith actions in relation to the application of this section.

7 8. Regulations. The attorney general may promulgate regulations to  
8 effectuate the purposes of this section, including setting forth factors  
9 that a broker-dealer, investment adviser, or qualified individual may  
10 consider in determining whether to apply a transaction hold to a trans-  
11 action pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision one of this section, the  
12 form and manner of any notification mandated by subdivision one of this  
13 section, and the implementation of training programs for a broker-deal-  
14 er, investment adviser, or qualified individual relating to recognizing  
15 financial exploitation.

16 9. Communication with reporters. Notwithstanding any other law to the  
17 contrary, adult protective services, law enforcement or any agency of  
18 competent jurisdiction may provide a general case status or final dispo-  
19 sition to a broker-dealer, investment adviser, or qualified individual  
20 that reported such a case to an agency.

21 10. Alteration of obligations. Absent a reasonable belief of finan-  
22 cial exploitation as provided in this section, this section does not  
23 otherwise alter a broker-dealer, investment adviser, or qualified indi-  
24 vidual's obligations to all parties authorized to transact business on  
25 an account and any trusted contact named on such account.

26 § 2. The banking law is amended by adding a new section 4-d to read as  
27 follows:

1 § 4-d. Protecting eligible adults from financial exploitation. 1.  
2 Definitions. As used in this section the following terms shall have the  
3 following meanings:

4 (a) "Adult protective services" means the division of the New York  
5 city human resources administration and each county agency responsible  
6 for providing adult protective services pursuant to section four hundred  
7 seventy-three of the social services law.

8 (b) "Banking institution" means any bank, trust company, savings bank,  
9 savings and loan association, credit union or branch of a foreign bank-  
10 ing corporation that is chartered, organized or licensed under the laws  
11 of this state or any other state or the United States, and, in the ordi-  
12 nary course of business offers deposit accounts in this state.

13 (c) "Financial exploitation" means: (i) the improper use of an eligi-  
14 ble adult's funds, property, income or assets; or (ii) any act or omis-  
15 sion by a person, including through the use of a power of attorney,  
16 guardianship or any other authority regarding an eligible adult to: (A)  
17 obtain control, through deception, intimidation, threats or undue influ-  
18 ence over the eligible adult's money, assets, income or property; or

19 (B) convert the eligible adult's money, assets, income or property.

20 (d) "Law enforcement agency" means any agency, which is empowered by  
21 law to make an arrest for a felony, and any agency which is authorized  
22 by law to prosecute a felony and including any police officer as defined  
23 by subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law  
24 and any prosecutor.

25 (e) "Eligible adult" means an individual who is: sixty years of age or  
26 older; or at least the age of eighteen and who, because of mental or  
27 physical impairment, is unable to manage their own resources or protect  
28 themselves from financial exploitation without assistance from others.

1 2. Application of transaction hold. (a) If a banking institution or  
2 an employee of a banking institution reasonably believes that a finan-  
3 cial exploitation of an eligible adult may have occurred, may have been  
4 attempted, or is being attempted, then the banking institution may place  
5 a transaction hold on such transaction.

6 (b) A banking institution shall apply a transaction hold to a trans-  
7 action if adult protective services or a law enforcement agency notifies  
8 the banking institution that it reasonably believes that the transaction  
9 is the subject of or related to financial exploitation of an eligible  
10 adult.

11 (c) A banking institution that applies a transaction hold shall: (i)  
12 provide notice of such hold, in writing, to all parties authorized to  
13 transact business on the account that is the subject of a transaction  
14 hold, as well any designated third party, no later than two business  
15 days after the application of the transaction hold; (ii) if the trans-  
16 action hold has been applied pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
17 sion, no later than two business days after application of the trans-  
18 action hold, notify adult protective services and/or a law enforcement  
19 agency of the belief of financial exploitation and the transaction hold;  
20 and (iii) at the request of adult protective services or a law enforce-  
21 ment agency, provide any information and documents relating to the tran-  
22 saction hold within three business days after the request for such  
23 information or documents.

24 3. Before placing a delay on a disbursement or transaction pursuant  
25 to this section, a financial institution must do all of the following:

26 (a) Develop training policies or programs reasonably designed to  
27 educate employees who perform or approve transactions on behalf of

1 customers on issues pertaining to financial exploitation of specified  
2 adults.

3 (b) Conduct training for employees described in paragraph (a) of this  
4 subdivision as soon as reasonably practicable and maintain a written  
5 record of all trainings conducted. With respect to an individual who  
6 begins employment with a covered financial institution after July first,  
7 two thousand twenty-four, such training must be conducted within one  
8 year after the date on which the individual becomes employed by or  
9 affiliated or associated with the covered financial institution.

10 (c) Develop, maintain, and enforce written procedures regarding the  
11 manner in which suspected financial exploitation is reviewed internally,  
12 including, if applicable, the manner in which suspected financial  
13 exploitation is required to be reported to supervisory personnel.

14 4. Notification. If a banking institution reasonably believes finan-  
15 cial exploitation of an eligible adult has occurred, has been attempted,  
16 or is being attempted, the banking institution may promptly notify the  
17 adult protective services and law enforcement.

18 5. Duration of transaction hold. A transaction hold shall expire  
19 fifteen business days after its application except that (i) a trans-  
20 action hold may be extended for up to forty additional business days  
21 upon request if there is a continued reasonable belief of exploitation,  
22 unless sooner terminated or further extended by adult protective  
23 services, law enforcement, any agency of competent jurisdiction or a  
24 court of competent jurisdiction; (ii) if a banking institution no longer  
25 reasonably believes that a transaction is the subject of or related to  
26 financial exploitation, it shall release such transaction, provided that  
27 adult protective services or the law enforcement agency that the banking

1 institution has notified of such hold pursuant to subparagraph (i) of  
2 paragraph (c) of subdivision two of this section does not object.

3 6. Records. A banking institution shall provide access to or copies of  
4 records that are relevant to the suspected or attempted financial  
5 exploitation of an eligible adult to adult protective services, an agen-  
6 cy of competent jurisdiction, and law enforcement, either as part of a  
7 notification or at the request of adult protective services, a law  
8 enforcement agency, or an agency of competent jurisdiction. All records  
9 made available to adult protective services, an agency of competent  
10 jurisdiction, or law enforcement shall be considered confidential  
11 records and shall not be available for examination by the public.

12 7. Regulations. The superintendent may promulgate regulations to  
13 effectuate the purposes of this section, including setting forth factors  
14 that a banking institution may consider in determining whether to apply  
15 a transaction hold to a transaction pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivi-  
16 vision two of this section, the form and manner of any notification  
17 mandated by subdivision two of this section, and the implementation of  
18 training programs for banking institution staff relating to recognizing  
19 financial exploitation.

20 8. Immunity. A banking institution or an employee of a banking insti-  
21 tution shall be immune from civil and administrative liability for good  
22 faith actions in relation to the application of this section.

23 9. Communication with reporters. Notwithstanding any other law to the  
24 contrary, adult protective services, law enforcement or any agency of  
25 competent jurisdiction may provide a general case status or final dispo-  
26 sition to a banking institution that reported such a case to an agency.

27 10. Absent a reasonable belief of financial exploitation as provided  
28 in this section, this section does not otherwise alter a financial

1 institution's obligations to all parties authorized to transact business  
2 on an account and any trusted contact named on such account.

3 § 3. Section 473 of the social services law is amended by adding a new  
4 subdivision 5-a to read as follows:

5 5-a. Whenever a social services official, or their designee authorized  
6 or required to determine the need for, or to provide or arrange for the  
7 provision of protective services to adults in accordance with the  
8 provisions of this title has a reason to believe that financial exploi-  
9 tation of an eligible adult has occurred, has been attempted, or is  
10 being attempted, the social services official or their designee must  
11 report this information to the appropriate law enforcement agency and  
12 notify any broker-dealer, investment adviser, or banking institution  
13 involved in the relevant financial transactions of the need to hold a  
14 transaction.

15 § 4. Paragraph (g) of subdivision 6 of section 473 of the social  
16 services law, as added by chapter 395 of the laws of 1995, is amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (g) "Financial exploitation" means:

19 (i) the improper use of an adult's funds, property, income or  
20 [resources by another individual, including but not limited to, fraud,  
21 false pretenses, embezzlement, conspiracy, forgery, falsifying records,  
22 coerced property transfers or denial of access to assets] assets; or

23 (ii) any act or omission by a person, including through the use of a  
24 power of attorney, guardianship or any other authority regarding an  
25 adult to: (A) obtain control, through deception, intimidation, threats  
26 or undue influence over the adult's money, assets, income or property;  
27 or (B) convert the adult's money, assets, income or property.

1 § 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
2 it shall have become a law.

3 PART BB

4 Section 1. The section heading of section 3457 of the insurance law,  
5 as amended by chapter 85 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 Group insurance policies for [certain] insuring for hire motor vehi-  
8 cles.

9 § 2. Paragraph 2 of subsection (a) of section 3457 of the insurance  
10 law, as amended by chapter 85 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 (2) "For hire motor vehicle" or "vehicle" means a motor vehicle  
13 engaged in the business of carrying or transporting passengers for  
14 hire[, having a seating capacity of not less than eight passengers,  
15 excluding the driver].

16 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

17 PART CC

18 Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subsection (b) of section 2305 of the insur-  
19 ance law, as amended by chapter 129 of the laws of 2022, is amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (2) motor vehicle insurance, or surety bonds, required by section  
22 three hundred seventy of the vehicle and traffic law [or], except as  
23 provided in section two thousand three hundred twenty-eight of this



1 article, article forty-four-B of the vehicle and traffic law, or article  
2 forty of the general business law;

3 § 2. Section 2328 of the insurance law, as amended by section 1 of  
4 part NN of chapter 58 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 § 2328. [Certain] For hire motor vehicle insurance rates[; prior  
7 approval. No changes in rates, rating plans, rating rules and rate manu-  
8 als applicable to motor vehicle insurance, including no-fault coverages  
9 under article fifty-one of this chapter, shall be made effective until  
10 approved by the superintendent, notwithstanding any inconsistent  
11 provisions of this article]. (a) Overall average (for all coverages  
12 combined) rate level increases above an insurer's rates in effect that  
13 are up to a percentage specified in a regulation promulgated by the  
14 superintendent but not to exceed five percent, may take effect without  
15 the superintendent's prior approval. An insurer shall not implement more  
16 than two rate increases pursuant to this section, the total of which  
17 shall not exceed the limitation specified in a regulation, during any  
18 twelve-month period. An insurer also shall not implement a rate increase  
19 within the limitation specified in a regulation until the onset of the  
20 new policy period.

21 (b) This section shall apply only to policies covering losses or  
22 liabilities arising out of ownership of a motor vehicle used principally  
23 for the transportation of persons for hire, [including] other than a bus  
24 or a school bus as defined in sections one hundred four and one hundred  
25 forty-two of the vehicle and traffic law.

26 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
27 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
28 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-

1 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
2 completed on or before such effective date.

3 PART DD

4 Section 1. Section 2328 of the insurance law, as amended by section 1  
5 of part NN of chapter 58 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 § 2328. [Certain] For hire motor vehicle insurance rates[; prior  
8 approval]. (a) An insurer shall submit to the superintendent, for the  
9 superintendent's prior approval, its rates, rating plans, rating rules,  
10 and rate manuals applicable to motor vehicle insurance, including  
11 no-fault coverages under article fifty-one of this chapter, by August  
12 first, two thousand twenty-five and at least every three years thereaft-  
13 er, unless the superintendent requests the rates, rating plans, rating  
14 rules, or rating manuals more frequently. For rates submitted on or  
15 before August first, two thousand twenty-five, the superintendent may  
16 approve the phasing in of rates that meet the standards set forth in  
17 section two thousand three hundred three of this article if the super-  
18 intendent determines that it would be in the best interests of the  
19 people of this state.

20 (b) No changes in rates, rating plans, rating rules and rate manuals  
21 applicable to motor vehicle insurance, including no-fault coverages  
22 under article fifty-one of this chapter, shall be made effective until  
23 approved by the superintendent, notwithstanding any inconsistent  
24 provisions of this article.

25 (c) This section shall apply only to policies covering losses or  
26 liabilities arising out of ownership of a motor vehicle used principally

1 for the transportation of persons for hire, [including] other than a bus  
2 or a school bus as defined in sections one hundred four and one hundred  
3 forty-two of the vehicle and traffic law.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

5 PART EE

6 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 16-m of section 1 of chapter 174  
7 of the laws of 1968 constituting the New York state urban development  
8 corporation act, as amended by section 1 of part Z of chapter 58 of the  
9 laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

10 3. The provisions of this section shall expire, notwithstanding any  
11 inconsistent provision of subdivision 4 of section 469 of chapter 309 of  
12 the laws of 1996 or of any other law, on July 1, [2025] 2028.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

14 PART FF

15 Section 1. Section 2 of chapter 393 of the laws of 1994, amending the  
16 New York state urban development corporation act, relating to the powers  
17 of the New York state urban development corporation to make loans, as  
18 amended by section 1 of part AA of chapter 58 of the laws of 2024, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that  
21 section one of this act shall expire on July 1, [2025] 2028, at which  
22 time the provisions of subdivision 26 of section 5 of the New York state  
23 urban development corporation act shall be deemed repealed; provided,  
24 however, that neither the expiration nor the repeal of such subdivision

1 as provided for herein shall be deemed to affect or impair in any manner  
2 any loan made pursuant to the authority of such subdivision prior to  
3 such expiration and repeal.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

5 PART GG

6 Section 1. Section 2 of part BB of chapter 58 of the laws of 2012  
7 amending the public authorities law, relating to authorizing the dormi-  
8 tory authority to enter into certain design and construction management  
9 agreements, as amended by section 1 of part LL of chapter 58 of the laws  
10 of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
12 deemed repealed April 1, [2025] 2027.

13 § 2. The dormitory authority of the state of New York shall provide a  
14 report providing information regarding any project undertaken pursuant  
15 to a design and construction management agreement, as authorized by part  
16 BB of chapter 58 of the laws of 2012, between the dormitory authority of  
17 the state of New York and the department of environmental conservation  
18 and/or the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to the  
19 governor, the temporary president of the senate and speaker of the  
20 assembly. Such report shall include but not be limited to a description  
21 of each such project, the project identification number of each such  
22 project, if applicable, the projected date of completion, the status of  
23 the project, the total cost or projected cost of each such project, and  
24 the location, including the names of any county, town, village or city,  
25 where each such project is located or proposed. In addition, such a  
26 report shall be provided to the aforementioned parties by the first day

1 of March of each year that the authority to enter into such agreements  
2 pursuant to part BB of chapter 58 of the laws of 2012 is in effect.

3 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
4 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2025.

5 PART HH

6 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
7 the "private activity bond allocation act of 2025".

8 § 2. Legislative findings and declaration. The legislature hereby  
9 finds and declares that the federal tax reform act of 1986 established a  
10 statewide bond volume ceiling on the issuance of certain tax exempt  
11 private activity bonds and notes and, under certain circumstances,  
12 governmental use bonds and notes issued by the state and its public  
13 authorities, local governments, agencies which issue on behalf of local  
14 governments, and certain other issuers. The federal tax reform act  
15 establishes a formula for the allocation of the bond volume ceiling  
16 which was subject to temporary modification by gubernatorial executive  
17 order until December 31, 1987. That act also permits state legislatures  
18 to establish, by statute, an alternative formula for allocating the  
19 volume ceiling. Bonds and notes subject to the volume ceiling require an  
20 allocation from the state's annual volume ceiling in order to qualify  
21 for federal tax exemption.

22 It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to maximize the  
23 public benefit through the issuance of private activity bonds for the  
24 purposes of, among other things, allocating a fair share of the bond  
25 volume ceiling upon initial allocation and from a bond reserve to local  
26 agencies and for needs identified by local governments; providing hous-

1 ing and promoting economic development; job creation; an economical  
2 energy supply; and resource recovery and to provide for an orderly and  
3 efficient volume ceiling allocation process for state and local agencies  
4 by establishing an alternative formula for making such allocations.

5 § 3. Definitions. As used in this act, unless the context requires  
6 otherwise:

7 1. "Bonds" means bonds, notes or other obligations.

8 2. "Carryforward" means an amount of unused private activity bond  
9 ceiling available to an issuer pursuant to an election filed with the  
10 internal revenue service pursuant to section 146(f) of the code.

11 3. "Code" means the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.

12 4. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the New York state depart-  
13 ment of economic development.

14 5. "Covered bonds" means those tax exempt private activity bonds and  
15 that portion of the non-qualified amount of an issue of governmental use  
16 bonds for which an allocation of the statewide ceiling is required for  
17 the interest earned by holders of such bonds to be excluded from the  
18 gross income of such holders for federal income tax purposes under the  
19 code.

20 6. "Director" means the director of the New York state division of the  
21 budget.

22 7. "Issuer" means a local agency, state agency or other issuer.

23 8. "Local agency" means an industrial development agency established  
24 or operating pursuant to article 18-A of the general municipal law, the  
25 Troy industrial development authority and the Auburn industrial develop-  
26 ment authority.

1 9. "Other issuer" means any agency, political subdivision or other  
2 entity, other than a local agency or state agency, that is authorized to  
3 issue covered bonds.

4 10. "Qualified small issue bonds" means qualified small issue bonds,  
5 as defined in section 144(a) of the code.

6 11. "State agency" means the state of New York, the New York state  
7 energy research and development authority, the New York job development  
8 authority, the New York state environmental facilities corporation, the  
9 New York state urban development corporation and its subsidiaries, the  
10 Battery Park city authority, the port authority of New York and New  
11 Jersey, the power authority of the state of New York, the dormitory  
12 authority of the state of New York, the New York state housing finance  
13 agency, the state of New York mortgage agency, and any other public  
14 benefit corporation or public authority designated by the governor for  
15 the purposes of this act.

16 12. "Statewide ceiling" means for any calendar year the highest state  
17 ceiling (as such term is used in section 146 of the code) applicable to  
18 New York state.

19 13. "Future allocations" means allocations of statewide ceiling for up  
20 to two future years.

21 14. "Multi-year housing development project" means a project (a) which  
22 qualifies for covered bonds; (b) which is to be constructed over two or  
23 more years and (c) in which at least twenty percent of the dwelling  
24 units will be occupied by persons and families of low income.

25 § 4. Local agency set-aside. A set-aside of statewide ceiling for  
26 local agencies for any calendar year shall be an amount which bears the  
27 same ratio to one-third of the statewide ceiling as the population of  
28 the jurisdiction of such local agency bears to the population of the

1 entire state. The commissioner shall administer allocations of such  
2 set-aside to local agencies.

3 § 5. State agency set-aside. A set-aside of statewide ceiling for all  
4 state agencies for any calendar year shall be one-third of the statewide  
5 ceiling. The director shall administer allocations of such set-aside to  
6 state agencies and may grant an allocation to any state agency upon  
7 receipt of an application in such form as the director shall require.

8 § 6. Statewide bond reserve. One-third of the statewide ceiling is  
9 hereby set aside as a statewide bond reserve to be administered by the  
10 director.

11 1. Allocation of the statewide bond reserve among state agencies,  
12 local agencies and other issuers. The director shall transfer a portion  
13 of the statewide bond reserve to the commissioner for allocation to and  
14 use by local agencies and other issuers in accordance with the terms of  
15 this section. The remainder of the statewide bond reserve may be allo-  
16 cated by the director to state agencies in accordance with the terms of  
17 this section.

18 2. Allocation of statewide bond reserve to local agencies or other  
19 issuers.

20 (a) Local agencies or other issuers may at any time apply to the  
21 commissioner for an allocation from the statewide bond reserve. Such  
22 application shall demonstrate:

23 (i) that the requested allocation is required under the code for the  
24 interest earned on the bonds to be excluded from the gross income of  
25 bondholders for federal income tax purposes;

26 (ii) that the local agency's remaining unused allocation provided  
27 pursuant to section four of this act, and other issuer's remaining  
28 unused allocation, or any available carryforward will be insufficient



1 for the specific project or projects for which the reserve allocation is  
2 requested; and

3 (iii) that, except for those allocations made pursuant to section  
4 thirteen of this act to enable carryforward elections, the requested  
5 allocation is reasonably expected to be used during the calendar year,  
6 and the requested future allocation is reasonably expected to be used in  
7 the calendar year to which the future allocation relates.

8 (b) In reviewing and approving or disapproving applications, the  
9 commissioner shall exercise discretion to ensure an equitable distrib-  
10 ution of allocations from the statewide bond reserve to local agencies  
11 and other issuers. Prior to making a determination on such applications,  
12 the commissioner shall notify and seek the recommendation of the presi-  
13 dent and chief executive officer of the New York state housing finance  
14 agency in the case of an application related to the issuance of multi-  
15 family housing or mortgage revenue bonds, and in the case of other  
16 requests, such state officers, departments, divisions and agencies as  
17 the commissioner deems appropriate.

18 (c) Applications for allocations shall be made in such form and  
19 contain such information and reports as the commissioner shall require.

20 (d) On or before September fifteenth of each year, the commissioner  
21 shall publish the total amount of local agency set-aside that has been  
22 recaptured pursuant to section twelve of this act for that year on the  
23 department of economic development's website.

24 3. Allocation of statewide bond reserve to state agencies. The direc-  
25 tor may make an allocation from the statewide bond reserve to any state  
26 agency. Before making any allocation of statewide bond reserve to state  
27 agencies the director shall be satisfied:

1 (a) that the allocation is required under the code for the interest  
2 earned on the bonds to be excluded from the gross income of bondholders  
3 for federal income tax purposes;

4 (b) that the state agency's remaining unused allocation provided  
5 pursuant to section five of this act or any available carryforward will  
6 be insufficient to accommodate the specific bond issue or issues for  
7 which the reserve allocation is requested; and

8 (c) that, except for those allocations made pursuant to section thir-  
9 teen of this act to enable carryforward elections, the requested allo-  
10 cation is reasonably expected to be used during the calendar year, and  
11 the requested future allocation is reasonably expected to be used in the  
12 calendar year to which the future allocation relates.

13 § 7. Access to employment opportunities. 1. All issuers shall require  
14 that any new employment opportunities created in connection with indus-  
15 trial or manufacturing projects financed through the issuance of quali-  
16 fied small issue bonds shall be listed with the New York state depart-  
17 ment of labor and with the one-stop career center established pursuant  
18 to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Pub. L. No.  
19 113-128) serving the locality in which the employment opportunities are  
20 being created. Such listing shall be in a manner and form prescribed by  
21 the commissioner. All issuers shall further require that for any new  
22 employment opportunities created in connection with an industrial or  
23 manufacturing project financed through the issuance of qualified small  
24 issue bonds by such issuer, industrial or manufacturing firms shall  
25 first consider persons eligible to participate in the Workforce Inno-  
26 vation and Opportunity Act (Pub. L. No. 113-128) programs who shall be  
27 referred to the industrial or manufacturing firm by one-stop centers in  
28 local workforce investment areas or by the department of labor. Issuers

1 of qualified small issue bonds are required to monitor compliance with  
2 the provisions of this section as prescribed by the commissioner.

3 2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require users of  
4 qualified small issue bonds to violate any existing collective bargain-  
5 ing agreement with respect to the hiring of new employees. Failure on  
6 the part of any user of qualified small issue bonds to comply with the  
7 requirements of this section shall not affect the allocation of bonding  
8 authority to the issuer of the bonds or the validity or tax exempt  
9 status of such bonds.

10 § 8. Overlapping jurisdictions. In a geographic area represented by a  
11 county local agency and one or more sub-county local agencies, the allo-  
12 cation granted by section four of this act with respect to such area of  
13 overlapping jurisdiction shall be apportioned one-half to the county  
14 local agency and one-half to the sub-county local agency or agencies.  
15 Where there is a local agency for the benefit of a village within the  
16 geographic area of a town for the benefit of which there is a local  
17 agency, the allocation of the village local agency shall be based on the  
18 population of the geographic area of the village, and the allocation of  
19 the town local agency shall be based upon the population of the  
20 geographic area of the town outside of the village. Notwithstanding the  
21 foregoing, a local agency may surrender all or part of its allocation  
22 for such calendar year to another local agency with an overlapping  
23 jurisdiction. Such surrender shall be made at such time and in such  
24 manner as the commissioner shall prescribe.

25 § 9. Ineligible local agencies. To the extent that any allocation of  
26 the local agency set-aside would be made by this act to a local agency  
27 which is ineligible to receive such allocation under the code or under  
28 regulations interpreting the state volume ceiling provisions of the

1 code, such allocation shall instead be made to the political subdivision  
2 for whose benefit that local agency was created.

3 § 10. Municipal reallocation. The chief executive officer of any poli-  
4 tical subdivision or, if such political subdivision has no chief execu-  
5 tive officer, the governing board of the political subdivision for the  
6 benefit of which a local agency has been established, may withdraw all  
7 or any portion of the allocation granted by section four of this act to  
8 such local agency. The political subdivision may then reallocate all or  
9 any portion of such allocation, as well as all or any portion of the  
10 allocation received pursuant to section nine of this act, to itself or  
11 any other issuer established for the benefit of that political subdivi-  
12 sion or may assign all or any portion of the allocation received pursu-  
13 ant to section nine of this act to the local agency created for its  
14 benefit. The chief executive officer or governing board of the political  
15 subdivision, as the case may be, shall notify the commissioner of any  
16 such reallocation.

17 § 11. Future allocations for multi-year housing development projects.  
18 1. In addition to other powers granted under this act, the commissioner  
19 is authorized to make the following future allocations of statewide  
20 ceiling for any multi-year housing development project for which the  
21 commissioner also makes an allocation of statewide ceiling for the  
22 current year under this act or for which, in the event of expiration of  
23 provisions of this act described in section eighteen of this act, an  
24 allocation of volume cap for a calendar year subsequent to such expira-  
25 tion shall have been made under section 146 of the code: (a) to local  
26 agencies from the local agency set-aside (but only with the approval of  
27 the chief executive officer of the political subdivision to which the  
28 local agency set-aside relates or the governing body of a political

1 subdivision having no chief executive officer) and (b) to other issuers  
2 from that portion, if any, of the statewide bond reserve transferred to  
3 the commissioner by the director. Any future allocation made by the  
4 commissioner shall constitute an allocation of statewide ceiling for the  
5 future year specified by the commissioner and shall be deemed to have  
6 been made on the first day of the future year so specified.

7 2. In addition to other powers granted under this act, the director is  
8 authorized to make future allocations of statewide ceiling from the  
9 state agency set-aside or from the statewide bond reserve to state agen-  
10 cies for any multi-year housing development project for which the direc-  
11 tor also makes an allocation of statewide ceiling from the current year  
12 under this act or for which, in the event of expiration of provisions of  
13 this act described in section eighteen of this act, an allocation of  
14 volume cap for a calendar year subsequent to such expiration shall have  
15 been made under section 146 of the code, and is authorized to make  
16 transfers of the statewide bond reserve to the commissioner for future  
17 allocations to other issuers for multi-year housing development projects  
18 for which the commissioner has made an allocation of statewide ceiling  
19 for the current year. Any such future allocation or transfer of the  
20 statewide bond reserve for future allocation made by the director shall  
21 constitute an allocation of statewide ceiling or transfer of the state-  
22 wide bond reserve for the future years specified by the director and  
23 shall be deemed to have been made on the first day of the future year so  
24 specified.

25 3. (a) If an allocation made with respect to a multi-year housing  
26 development project is not used by September fifteenth of the year to  
27 which the allocation relates, the allocation with respect to the then  
28 current year shall be subject to recapture in accordance with the

1 provisions of section twelve of this act, and in the event of such a  
2 recapture, unless a carryforward election by another issuer shall have  
3 been approved by the commissioner or a carryforward election by a state  
4 agency shall have been approved by the director, all future allocations  
5 made with respect to such project pursuant to subdivision one or two of  
6 this section shall be canceled.

7 (b) The commissioner and the director shall have the authority to make  
8 future allocations from recaptured current year allocations and canceled  
9 future allocations to multi-year housing development projects in a  
10 manner consistent with the provisions of this act. Any such future allo-  
11 cation shall, unless a carryforward election by another issuer shall  
12 have been approved by the commissioner or a carryforward election by a  
13 state agency shall have been approved by the director, be canceled if  
14 the current year allocation for the project is not used by December 31,  
15 2026.

16 (c) The commissioner and the director shall establish procedures  
17 consistent with the provisions of this act relating to carryforward of  
18 future allocations.

19 4. The aggregate future allocations from either of the two succeeding  
20 years shall not exceed six hundred fifty million dollars for each such  
21 year.

22 § 12. Year end allocation recapture. On or before September first of  
23 each year, each state agency shall report to the director and each local  
24 agency and each other issuer shall report to the commissioner the amount  
25 of bonds subject to allocation under this act that will be issued prior  
26 to the end of the then current calendar year, and the amount of the  
27 issuer's then total allocation that will remain unused. As of September  
28 fifteenth of each year, the unused portion of each local agency's and

1 other issuer's then total allocation as reported and the unallocated  
2 portion of the set-aside for state agencies shall be recaptured and  
3 added to the statewide bond reserve and shall no longer be available to  
4 covered bond issuers except as otherwise provided herein. From September  
5 fifteenth through the end of the year, each local agency or other issuer  
6 having an allocation shall immediately report to the commissioner and  
7 each state agency having an allocation shall immediately report to the  
8 director any changes to the status of its allocation or the status of  
9 projects for which allocations have been made which should affect the  
10 timing or likelihood of the issuance of covered bonds therefor. If the  
11 commissioner determines that a local agency or other issuer has overes-  
12 timated the amount of covered bonds subject to allocation that will be  
13 issued prior to the end of the calendar year, the commissioner may  
14 recapture the amount of the allocation to such local agency or other  
15 issuer represented by such overestimation by notice to the local agency  
16 or other issuer, and add such allocation to the statewide bond reserve.  
17 The director may likewise make such determination and recapture with  
18 respect to state agency allocations.

19 § 13. Allocation carryforward. 1. No local agency or other issuer  
20 shall make a carryforward election utilizing any unused allocation  
21 (pursuant to section 146(f) of the code) without the prior approval of  
22 the commissioner. Likewise no state agency shall make or file such an  
23 election, or elect to issue or carryforward mortgage credit certif-  
24 icates, without the prior approval of the director.

25 2. On or before November fifteenth of each year, each state agency  
26 seeking unused statewide ceiling for use in future years shall make a  
27 request for an allocation for a carryforward to the director, whose  
28 approval shall be required before a carryforward election is filed by or

1 on behalf of any state agency. A later request may also be considered by  
2 the director, who may file a carryforward election for any state agency  
3 with the consent of such agency.

4 3. On or before November fifteenth of each year, each local agency or  
5 other issuer seeking unused statewide ceiling for use in future years  
6 shall make a request for an allocation for a carryforward to the commis-  
7 sioner, whose approval shall be required before a carryforward election  
8 is filed by or on behalf of any local or other agency. A later request  
9 may also be considered by the commissioner.

10 4. On or before January fifteenth of each year, the director shall  
11 publish the total amount of unused statewide ceiling from the prior year  
12 on the division of budget's website.

13 § 14. New York state bond allocation policy advisory panel. 1. There  
14 is hereby created a policy advisory panel and process to provide policy  
15 advice regarding the priorities for distribution of the statewide ceil-  
16 ing.

17 2. The panel shall consist of five members, one designee being  
18 appointed by each of the following: the governor, the temporary presi-  
19 dent of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of  
20 the senate and the minority leader of the assembly. The designee of the  
21 governor shall chair the panel. The panel shall monitor the allocation  
22 process through the year, and in that regard, the division of the budget  
23 and the department of economic development shall assist and cooperate  
24 with the panel as provided in this section. The advisory process shall  
25 operate through the issuance of advisory opinions by members of the  
26 panel as provided in subdivisions six and seven of this section. A meet-  
27 ing may be held at the call of the chair with the unanimous consent of  
28 the members.



1 3. (a) Upon receipt of a request for allocation or a request for  
2 approval of a carryforward election from the statewide reserve from a  
3 local agency or other issuer, the commissioner shall, within five work-  
4 ing days, notify the panel of such request and provide the panel with  
5 copies of all application materials submitted by the applicant.

6 (b) Upon receipt of a request for allocation or a request for approval  
7 of carryforward election from the statewide reserve from a state agency,  
8 the director shall, within five working days, notify the panel of such  
9 request and provide the panel with copies of all application materials  
10 submitted by the applicant.

11 4. (a) Following receipt of a request for allocation from a local  
12 agency or other issuer, the commissioner shall notify the panel of a  
13 decision to approve or exclude from further consideration such request,  
14 and the commissioner shall state the reasons. Such notification shall be  
15 made with or after the transmittal of the information specified in  
16 subdivision three of this section and at least five working days before  
17 formal notification is made to the applicant.

18 (b) Following receipt of a request for allocation from a state agency,  
19 the director shall notify the panel of a decision to approve or exclude  
20 from further consideration such request, and shall state the reasons.  
21 Such notification shall be made with or after the transmission of the  
22 information specified in subdivision three of this section and at least  
23 five working days before formal notification is made to the state agen-  
24 cy.

25 5. The requirements of subdivisions three and four of this section  
26 shall not apply to adjustments to allocations due to bond sizing chang-  
27 es.

1 6. In the event that any decision to approve or to exclude from  
2 further consideration a request for allocation is made within ten work-  
3 ing days of the end of the calendar year and in the case of all requests  
4 for consent to a carryforward election, the commissioner or director, as  
5 is appropriate, shall provide the panel with the longest possible  
6 advance notification of the action, consistent with the requirements of  
7 the code, and shall, wherever possible, solicit the opinions of the  
8 members of the panel before formally notifying any applicant of the  
9 action. Such notification may be made by means of telephone communi-  
10 cation to the members or by written notice delivered to the Albany  
11 office of the appointing authority of the respective members.

12 7. Upon notification by the director or the commissioner, any member  
13 of the panel may, within five working days, notify the commissioner or  
14 the director of any policy objection concerning the expected action. If  
15 three or more members of the panel shall submit policy objections in  
16 writing to the intended action, the commissioner or the director shall  
17 respond in writing to the objection prior to taking the intended action  
18 unless exigent circumstances make it necessary to respond after the  
19 action has been taken.

20 8. On or before the first day of July, in any year, the director shall  
21 report to the members of the New York state bond allocation policy advi-  
22 sory panel on the actual utilization of volume cap for the issuance of  
23 bonds during the prior calendar year and the amount of such cap allo-  
24 cated for carryforwards for future bond issuance. The report shall  
25 include, for each local agency or other issuer and each state agency the  
26 initial allocation, the amount of bonds issued subject to the allo-  
27 cation, the amount of the issuer's allocation that remained unused, the  
28 allocation of the statewide bond reserve, carryforward allocations and

1 recapture of allocations. Further, the report shall include projections  
2 regarding private activity bond issuance for state and local issuers for  
3 the calendar year, as well as any recommendations for legislative  
4 action. The director shall publish the report on the division of budg-  
5 et's website concurrently with the release of the report to the panel.

6 § 15. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or  
7 item of this part shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdic-  
8 tion to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invali-  
9 date the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to  
10 the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or item thereof directly  
11 involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been  
12 rendered.

13 § 16. Notwithstanding any provisions of this act to the contrary (1)  
14 provided that a local agency or other issuer certifies to the commis-  
15 sioner on or before October 1, 2025 that it has issued private activity  
16 bonds described in this act and the amount thereof which used statewide  
17 ceiling, a commitment or allocation of statewide ceiling to a local  
18 agency or other issuer made to or so used by such local agency or other  
19 issuer pursuant to the federal tax reform act of 1986 on or after Janu-  
20 ary 1, 2025 and prior to the effective date of this act, in an amount  
21 which exceeds the local agency set-aside established by section four of  
22 this act, shall be first chargeable to the statewide bond reserve estab-  
23 lished pursuant to section six of this act, and (2) a commitment or  
24 allocation of statewide ceiling to a state agency made to or used by  
25 such agency pursuant to the internal revenue code, as amended, on or  
26 after January 1, 2025 and prior to the effective date of this act, shall  
27 be first chargeable to the state agency set-aside established pursuant

1 to section five of this act, and, thereafter, to the statewide bond  
2 reserve established by section six of this act.

3 § 17. Nothing contained in this act shall be deemed to supersede,  
4 alter or impair any allocation used by or committed by the director or  
5 commissioner to a state or local agency or other issuer pursuant to the  
6 federal tax reform act of 1986 and prior to the effective date of this  
7 act.

8 § 18. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
9 sections three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, twelve, thir-  
10 teen and fourteen of this act shall expire July 1, 2028 when upon such  
11 date the provisions of such sections shall be deemed repealed; except  
12 that the provisions of subdivisions two and three of section thirteen of  
13 this act shall expire and be deemed repealed February 15, 2028.

14 PART II

15 Section 1. Subdivision 32 of section 1676 of the public authorities  
16 law, as added by chapter 672 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 32. The term "public library" shall mean [those libraries set forth in  
19 section five of the chapter of the laws of nineteen hundred ninety-three  
20 which added this subdivision, as defined as] any library chartered by  
21 the state board of regents, created by an act of the legislature, or  
22 incorporated under the not-for-profit corporation law constituting a  
23 public library [or as], an association library [pursuant to] or a free  
24 library as defined in section two hundred fifty-three of the education  
25 law.

1 § 2. This act shall not affect the status as a "public library" for  
2 purposes of title 4 of article 8 of the public authorities law of those  
3 libraries set forth in section 5 of chapter 672 of the laws of 1993, as  
4 amended from time to time prior to the effective date of this act, nor  
5 shall this act impair the validity of bonds heretofore issued by the  
6 dormitory authority for the benefit of any such library.

7 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

8 PART JJ

9 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 1676 of the  
10 public authorities law is amended by adding a new undesignated paragraph  
11 to read as follows:

12 Any county, city, town, and village, for the construction, recon-  
13 struction, development, improvement, expansion and/or equipping of a  
14 facility or facilities and necessary ancillary and related facilities;  
15 provided, however, that any alternative delivery authorization derived  
16 pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment Act, part F of chapter 60 of  
17 the laws of 2015, as amended by part DD of chapter 58 the laws of 2020,  
18 shall not be applicable to any project undertaken by the authority on  
19 behalf of any county, city, town, and village pursuant to this section  
20 and further providing that nothing in this section shall result in the:  
21 (1) displacement of any currently employed worker or loss of position  
22 (including partial displacement such as a reduction in the hours of  
23 non-overtime work, wages or employment benefits), or result in the  
24 impairment of existing collective bargaining agreements; and (2) trans-  
25 fer of existing duties and functions currently performed by existing

1 public employees for a public employer that becomes eligible to utilize  
2 the dormitory authority pursuant to this section.

3 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 1680 of the public authorities law is  
4 amended by adding a new undesignated paragraph to read as follows:

5 Any county, city, town, and village, for the construction, recon-  
6 struction, development, improvement, expansion and/or equipping of a  
7 facility or facilities and necessary ancillary and related facilities;  
8 provided, however, that any alternative delivery authorization derived  
9 pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment Act, part F of chapter 60 of  
10 the laws of 2015, as amended by part DD of chapter 58 the laws of 2020  
11 shall not be applicable to any project undertaken by the authority on  
12 behalf of any county, city, town, and village pursuant to this section  
13 and that nothing in this section shall result in the: (1) displacement  
14 of any currently employed worker or loss of position (including partial  
15 displacement such as a reduction in the hours of non-overtime work,  
16 wages or employment benefits), or result in the impairment of existing  
17 collective bargaining agreements; and (2) transfer of existing duties  
18 and functions currently performed by existing public employees for a  
19 public employer that becomes eligible to utilize the dormitory authority  
20 pursuant to this section.

21 § 3. Subdivision 26 of section 1678 of the public authorities law, as  
22 added by section 1 of part BB of chapter 58 of the laws of 2012, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 26. To enter into a design and construction management agreement or  
25 other agreements with the department of environmental conservation,  
26 pursuant to which one or more grants may be administered or pursuant to  
27 which one or more facilities are to be designed, constructed, recon-  
28 structed, rehabilitated, improved, furnished or equipped for such

1 department. Any such design and construction management agreement or  
2 other agreements entered into pursuant to this subdivision shall provide  
3 for the following: the scope of design and construction management  
4 services or other services to be provided by the authority, the manner  
5 in which those services will be provided, the fees to be charged by the  
6 authority and the sources of funds for the projects. No design-build  
7 contract as defined in chapter fifty-six of the laws of two thousand  
8 eleven shall be awarded pursuant to this subdivision.

9 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
10 the amendments to subdivision 26 of section 1678 of the public authori-  
11 ties law made by section three of this act shall not affect the expira-  
12 tion and repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

13 PART KK

14 Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision (h) of section 121 of  
15 chapter 261 of the laws of 1988, amending the state finance law and  
16 other laws relating to the New York state infrastructure trust fund, as  
17 amended by section 1 of part Y of chapter 58 of the laws of 2024, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 The provisions of sections sixty-two through sixty-six of this act  
20 shall expire and be deemed repealed on July first, two thousand [twen-  
21 ty-five] twenty-seven, except that:

22 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

23 PART LL

1 Section 1. Section 214 of the state finance law, as amended by section  
2 1 of part P of chapter 59 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 § 214. Establishment and purpose; linked deposit program authori-  
5 zation. The excelsior linked deposit program is hereby created. The  
6 purpose of the program is to encourage and assist eligible businesses  
7 within the state to undertake eligible projects that will materially  
8 contribute to improving their performance and competitiveness. The comp-  
9 troller is hereby authorized to use any moneys of the state the comp-  
10 troller is authorized to invest pursuant to section ninety-eight-a of  
11 this chapter as linked deposits for the program. Not more than [four  
12 hundred sixty million] one billion dollars of such moneys shall be on  
13 deposit pursuant to the program at any given time. The commissioner of  
14 taxation and finance is hereby authorized to use funds in the linked  
15 deposit program fund established pursuant to section ninety-two-v of  
16 this chapter as linked deposits for the program. [Not more than one  
17 hundred million dollars from the linked deposit program fund shall be on  
18 deposit pursuant to the program at any given time.]

19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

20 PART MM

21 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 6 of section 163 of the state  
22 finance law, as amended by chapter 110 of the laws of 2024, is amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 (d) state agencies may purchase commodities or services from those  
25 certified pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law and article  
26 three of the veterans' services law in an amount not exceeding [seven]



1 one million five hundred [fifty] thousand dollars without a formal  
2 competitive process; and

3 § 2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section  
4 2879 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 96 of the laws  
5 of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

6 (i) for the selection of such contractors on a competitive basis, and  
7 provisions relating to the circumstances under which the board may by  
8 resolution waive competition, including, notwithstanding any other  
9 provision of law requiring competition, the purchase of goods or  
10 services from: (A) small business concerns [those certified as minority  
11 or women-owned business enterprises,] or goods or technology that are  
12 recycled or remanufactured, in an amount not to exceed five hundred  
13 thousand dollars without a formal competitive process, and (B) those  
14 certified as minority- or women-owned business enterprises or service-  
15 disabled veteran-owned businesses, in an amount not to exceed one  
16 million five hundred thousand dollars without a formal competitive proc-  
17 ess;

18 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

19 PART NN

20 Section 1. Subsections (e) and (g) of section 7002 of the insurance  
21 law, as amended by chapter 193 of the laws of 2022, are amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 (e) "Industrial insured" means an insured:

24 (1) whose net worth exceeds one hundred million dollars;

25 (2) who is a member of a holding company system whose net worth  
26 exceeds one hundred million dollars;

1 (3) who is the metropolitan transportation authority and its statutory  
2 subsidiaries. When filing an application to form a pure captive insur-  
3 ance company the metropolitan transportation authority shall submit  
4 written notice of such filing to the governor, the temporary president  
5 of the senate and the speaker of the assembly;

6 (4) who is the power authority of the state of New York and any statu-  
7 tory subsidiary thereof. When filing an application to form a pure  
8 captive insurance company the power authority shall submit written  
9 notice of such filing to the governor, the temporary president of the  
10 senate and the speaker of the assembly; [or]

11 (5) who is a state or local authority identified in section twenty-  
12 eight hundred fifty-nine of the public authorities law and established  
13 in statute, or any statutory subsidiary thereof, and is authorized by  
14 statute to form a pure or group captive insurance company. When filing  
15 an application to form either a pure or group captive insurance company,  
16 the state or local authority or authorities shall submit written notice  
17 of such filing to the governor, the temporary president of the senate  
18 and the speaker of the assembly; or

19 (6) who is a city with a population of one million or more. When  
20 filing an application to form a pure captive insurance company, a city  
21 with a population of one million or more shall submit written notice of  
22 such filing to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and  
23 the speaker of the assembly.

24 (g) "Industrial insured group" means any group of unaffiliated indus-  
25 trial insureds that are engaged in similar or related businesses or  
26 activities or that are state or local authorities identified in section  
27 twenty-eight hundred fifty-nine of the public authorities law and estab-  
28 lished in statute, or any subsidiary of the authority, provided, howev-

1 er, the metropolitan transportation authority, the power authority of  
2 the state of New York and any statutory subsidiary thereof and cities  
3 with a population of one million or more shall not be a member of an  
4 industrial insured group, and that collectively:

5 (1) own, control or hold with power to vote all of the outstanding  
6 voting shares of stock of a group captive insurance company incorporated  
7 as a stock insurer; or

8 (2) represent one hundred percent of the voting members of a group  
9 captive insurance company organized as a mutual insurer.

10 § 2. Subsection (b) of section 7005 of the insurance law, as added by  
11 section 146 of part A of chapter 389 of the laws of 1997, is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (b) A group captive insurance company may be incorporated:

14 (1) as a stock insurer with its capital divided into shares and held  
15 by the stockholders[, or];

16 (2) as a mutual insurer without capital stock, the governing body of  
17 which is elected by the member organizations of the industrial insured  
18 group; or

19 (3) in the case of a public benefit corporation, public authority, or  
20 other public entity, as the applicable state law may require.

21 § 3. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section  
22 2859 to read as follows:

23 § 2859. Captive insurance company. 1. Formation of a captive insurance  
24 company. The Battery Park city authority, New York convention center  
25 operating corporation, New York state energy research and development  
26 authority, New York state Olympic region development authority, and  
27 Roosevelt Island operating corporation, individually or in some combina-  
28 tion with each other, may establish either a pure or group captive

1 insurance company as provided in section seven thousand two of the  
2 insurance law.

3 2. Pure captive. Each authority under this section may establish its  
4 own subsidiary corporation for the purpose of forming a pure captive  
5 insurance company.

6 3. Group captive. For the purposes of forming a group captive insur-  
7 ance company: (a) any authority under this section may establish a  
8 subsidiary corporation containing no fewer than three board members; (b)  
9 each group captive participating authority being an equal part share-  
10 holder in the subsidiary with board of directors representation; (c) the  
11 shareholders shall agree among themselves the total number of board  
12 members, the allocation of those seats among the shareholders, and such  
13 other governance steps to ensure the efficient operation of the subsid-  
14 iary; (d) each shareholder shall select their board representative to  
15 fill their designated seats in their discretion, except that such member  
16 must be an employee or board member of the shareholder; and (e) any  
17 action taken by the directors of such subsidiary shall be taken by a  
18 majority vote of such directors then in office.

19 4. Employees. The employees of any such pure or group captive insur-  
20 ance company, except those who are also employees of the member authori-  
21 ties, shall not be deemed employees of the member authorities.

22 § 4. Subdivision (a) of section 1500 of the tax law, as amended by  
23 chapter 193 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

24 (a) The term "insurance corporation" includes a corporation, associ-  
25 ation, joint stock company or association, person, society, aggregation  
26 or partnership, by whatever name known, doing an insurance business,  
27 and, notwithstanding the provisions of section fifteen hundred twelve of  
28 this article, shall include (1) a risk retention group as defined in

1 subsection (n) of section five thousand nine hundred two of the insur-  
2 ance law, (2) the state insurance fund and (3) a corporation, associ-  
3 ation, joint stock company or association, person, society, aggregation  
4 or partnership doing an insurance business as a member of the New York  
5 insurance exchange described in section six thousand two hundred one of  
6 the insurance law. The definition of the "state insurance fund"  
7 contained in this subdivision shall be limited in its effect to the  
8 provisions of this article and the related provisions of this chapter  
9 and shall have no force and effect other than with respect to such  
10 provisions. The term "insurance corporation" shall also include a  
11 captive insurance company doing a captive insurance business, as defined  
12 in subsections (c) and (b), respectively, of section seven thousand two  
13 of the insurance law; provided, however, "insurance corporation" shall  
14 not include the metropolitan transportation authority, the power author-  
15 ity of New York or any statutory subsidiary thereof, the public authori-  
16 ties identified in section twenty-eight hundred fifty-nine of the public  
17 authorities law or any statutory subsidiary thereof, or a public benefit  
18 corporation or not-for-profit corporation formed by a city with a popu-  
19 lation of one million or more pursuant to subsection (a) of section  
20 seven thousand five of the insurance law, each of which is expressly  
21 exempt from the payment of fees, taxes or assessments, whether state or  
22 local; and provided further "insurance corporation" does not include any  
23 combinable captive insurance company. The term "insurance corporation"  
24 shall also include an unauthorized insurer operating from an office  
25 within the state, pursuant to paragraph five of subsection (b) of  
26 section one thousand one hundred one and subsection (i) of section two  
27 thousand one hundred seventeen of the insurance law. The term "insurance  
28 corporation" also includes a health maintenance organization required to

1 obtain a certificate of authority under article forty-four of the public  
2 health law.

3 § 5. Subdivision (a) of section 1502-b of the tax law, as amended by  
4 chapter 193 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

5 (a) In lieu of the taxes and tax surcharge imposed by sections fifteen  
6 hundred one, fifteen hundred two-a, fifteen hundred five-a, and fifteen  
7 hundred ten of this article, every captive insurance company licensed by  
8 the superintendent of financial services pursuant to the provisions of  
9 article seventy of the insurance law, other than the metropolitan trans-  
10 portation authority, the power authority of New York or any statutory  
11 subsidiary thereof, the public authorities identified in section twen-  
12 ty-eight hundred fifty-nine of the public authorities law or any statu-  
13 tory subsidiary thereof, and a public benefit corporation or not-for-  
14 profit corporation formed by a city with a population of one million or  
15 more pursuant to subsection (a) of section seven thousand five of the  
16 insurance law, each of which is expressly exempt from the payment of  
17 fees, taxes or assessments whether state or local, and other than  
18 combinable captive insurance company, shall, for the privilege of exer-  
19 cising its corporate franchise, pay a tax on (1) all gross direct premi-  
20 ums, less return premiums thereon, written on risks located or resident  
21 in this state and (2) all assumed reinsurance premiums, less return  
22 premiums thereon, written on risks located or resident in this state.  
23 The rate of the tax imposed on gross direct premiums shall be four-  
24 tenths of one percent on all or any part of the first twenty million  
25 dollars of premiums, three-tenths of one percent on all or any part of  
26 the second twenty million dollars of premiums, two-tenths of one percent  
27 on all or any part of the third twenty million dollars of premiums, and  
28 seventy-five thousandths of one percent on each dollar of premiums ther-

1 eafter. The rate of the tax on assumed reinsurance premiums shall be two  
2 hundred twenty-five thousandths of one percent on all or any part of the  
3 first twenty million dollars of premiums, one hundred and fifty thou-  
4 sandths of one percent on all or any part of the second twenty million  
5 dollars of premiums, fifty thousandths of one percent on all or any part  
6 of the third twenty million dollars of premiums and twenty-five thou-  
7 sandths of one percent on each dollar of premiums thereafter. The tax  
8 imposed by this section shall be equal to the greater of (i) the sum of  
9 the tax imposed on gross direct premiums and the tax imposed on assumed  
10 reinsurance premiums or (ii) five thousand dollars.

11 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

12 PART OO

13 Section 1. Section 321 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended  
14 by chapter 158 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

15 § 321. Statement of legislative findings and intent. It is hereby  
16 found and declared that agricultural lands are irreplaceable state  
17 assets. In an effort to maintain the economic viability, and environ-  
18 mental and landscape preservation values associated with agriculture,  
19 the state must explore ways to sustain the state's valuable farm economy  
20 [and to protect] by protecting farm operations and the associated land  
21 base [associated with it] and supporting local and regional food  
22 systems. External pressures on farm stability such as population growth  
23 [in non-metropolitan areas], climate change, lack of access to afforda-  
24 ble farmland, and public infrastructure development pose a significant  
25 threat to farm operations, yet are the pressures over which farmers have  
26 the least control. Local initiatives in agricultural protection policy,

1 facilitated by the agricultural districts program established in article  
2 twenty-five-AA of this chapter, have proved effective as a basic step in  
3 addressing these pressures. In an effort to encourage further develop-  
4 ment of agricultural and farmland protection programs, and to recognize  
5 both the crucial role that local government plays in developing these  
6 strategies, plus the state constitutional directive to the legislature  
7 to provide for the protection of agricultural lands, it is therefore  
8 declared the policy of the state to promote local initiatives for agri-  
9 cultural and farmland protection.

10 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 322 of the agriculture and markets law,  
11 as amended by chapter 158 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 1. "Agricultural and farmland protection" means [the preservation]  
14 local government initiatives to: preserve, [conservation] conserve,  
15 [management] manage or [improvement of] improve lands which are part of  
16 viable farming operations, for the purpose of encouraging such lands to  
17 remain in agricultural production[. Such preservation efforts include]  
18 including the use of farmland protection conservation easements [and  
19 purchase of development rights.]; and activities which support local and  
20 regional food systems.

21 § 3. Subdivisions 6 and 7 of section 322 of the agriculture and  
22 markets law, as added by chapter 158 of the laws of 2018, are amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 6. "Farmer-purchaser farmland protection agreement" means preemptive  
25 purchase rights or other provisions that are part of or linked to a  
26 farmland protection conservation easement providing the easement holder  
27 the preferential right to purchase protected farmland at its agricul-  
28 tural use value in the event the landowner intends to sell such farmland



1 to a purchaser who does not intend to maintain the land in [commercial]  
2 agricultural production and who does not have the requisite farming  
3 experience and farming income to demonstrate, in a manner acceptable to  
4 the department, a good faith plan to maintain the land in [commercial]  
5 agricultural production. The purpose of such provisions is to ensure  
6 that farmer-purchasers who would maintain protected farmland in [commer-  
7 cial] agricultural production can afford such farmland that might other-  
8 wise be sold at a higher price to other purchasers.

9 7. "Agricultural use value" means the fair market value of a property  
10 that is restricted by an easement to its productive [commercial] agri-  
11 cultural use value rather than the highest and/or best potential use  
12 value for residential or other non-agricultural purposes.

13 § 4. Section 322 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by  
14 adding three new subdivisions 8, 9 and 10 to read as follows:

15 8. "Local and regional food systems" means a collaborative network  
16 that integrates sustainable production, processing, distribution, and  
17 consumption of human food, and the associated management of wastes orig-  
18 inating from within this network, in order to enhance the environmental,  
19 economic, and social health of a particular area.

20 9. "Local food supply chain" means all processes involved in the local  
21 movement of human foods from the farm to the consumer, including market-  
22 ing, markets, distribution, aggregation, processing, packaging, purchas-  
23 ing, preparation, resource recovery, and waste disposal.

24 10. "Urban agriculture" means the production, processing, distrib-  
25 ution, and marketing of food within urban, suburban, and peri-urban  
26 (i.e., on the perimeter of urban areas) areas for commercial, non-com-  
27 mercial, educational, or not-for-profit purposes.

1 § 5. Section 324 of the agriculture and markets law, as added by chap-  
2 ter 797 of the laws of 1992 and paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 as  
3 amended by chapter 248 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 § 324. County agricultural and farmland protection plans. 1. County  
6 agricultural and farmland protection boards may develop plans, in coop-  
7 eration with the local soil and water conservation district and soil  
8 conservation service, which shall include, but not be limited to:

9 (a) the location of any land or areas proposed to be protected;

10 (b) an analysis of the following factors concerning any areas and  
11 lands proposed to be protected:

12 (i) value to the agricultural economy of the county;

13 (ii) open space value;

14 (iii) consequences of possible conversion; [and]

15 (iv) level of conversion pressure on the lands or areas proposed to be  
16 protected; and

17 (v) the degree to which the lands or areas proposed to be protected  
18 serve as a buffer for a significant public resource; and

19 (c) a description of the activities, programs and strategies, includ-  
20 ing efforts to support the successful transfer of agricultural land from  
21 existing owners to new owners and operators, especially new and begin-  
22 ning farmers, intended to be used by the county to promote continued  
23 agricultural use, and to sustain a resilient local food supply chain  
24 within local and regional food systems, which may include but not be  
25 limited to revisions to the county's comprehensive plan pursuant to  
26 section two hundred thirty-nine-d or two hundred thirty-nine-i of the  
27 general municipal law[.]; and

1 (d) identification of potential funding sources for each of the activ-  
2 ities, programs and strategies identified in the plan, which shall  
3 include public and private sources.

4 2. The county agricultural and farmland protection board shall conduct  
5 at least one public hearing for public input regarding such agricultural  
6 and farmland protection plan, and shall thereafter submit such plan to  
7 the county legislative body for its approval.

8 3. The county agricultural protection plan must be submitted by the  
9 county to the commissioner for approval.

10 4. (a) Subject to the availability of funds, state assistance payments  
11 shall be made available for counties to conduct agricultural and farm-  
12 land protection planning activities. State assistance payments for plan-  
13 ning shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars to each county or one  
14 hundred thousand dollars to two such counties applying jointly, and  
15 shall not exceed fifty percent of the cost of preparing an agricultural  
16 and farmland protection plan.

17 (b) A county which has an approved agricultural and farmland  
18 protection plan may after sixty months from the date of such approval by  
19 the commissioner apply for additional state assistance payments for  
20 planning activities related to the updating of their current plan or  
21 development of a new agricultural and farmland protection plan. Such  
22 additional state assistance payments shall not exceed fifty thousand  
23 dollars to each county whether applying individually or if two or more  
24 counties are applying jointly, and shall not exceed fifty percent of the  
25 cost of preparing an agricultural and farmland protection plan.

26 (c) A county or two or more counties acting jointly shall apply for  
27 state assistance payments for agricultural and farmland protection plan-  
28 ning activities in such manner as the commissioner may prescribe.

1 § 6. Section 324-a of the agriculture and markets law, as added by  
2 chapter 527 of the laws of 2005 and paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 as  
3 amended by chapter 248 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 § 324-a. Municipal agricultural and farmland protection plans. 1.  
6 Municipalities may develop agricultural and farmland protection plans,  
7 in cooperation with cooperative extension and other organizations,  
8 including local farmers. These plans shall include, but not be limited  
9 to:

10 (a) the location of any land or areas proposed to be protected;

11 (b) an analysis of the following factors concerning any areas and  
12 lands proposed to be protected:

13 (i) value to the agricultural economy of the municipality;

14 (ii) open space value;

15 (iii) consequences of possible conversion; [and]

16 (iv) level of conversion pressure on the lands or areas proposed to be  
17 protected; and

18 (v) the degree to which the lands or areas proposed to be protected  
19 serve as a buffer for a significant public resource; and

20 (c) a description of activities, programs and strategies, including  
21 efforts to support the successful transfer of agricultural land from  
22 existing owners to new owners and operators, especially new and begin-  
23 ning farmers, intended to be used by the municipality to promote contin-  
24 ued agricultural use, and to sustain a resilient local food supply chain  
25 within local and regional food systems, which may include but not be  
26 limited to revisions to the municipality's comprehensive plan pursuant  
27 to section two hundred seventy-two-a of the town law, section twenty-

1 eight-a of the general city law, or section 7-722 of the village law as  
2 appropriate[.]; and

3 (d) identification of potential funding sources for each of the  
4 activities, programs and strategies identified in the plan, which shall  
5 include public and private sources.

6 2. The municipality shall conduct at least one public hearing for  
7 public input regarding such agricultural and farmland protection plan,  
8 and shall thereafter submit such plan to the municipal legislative body  
9 and the county agricultural farmland protection board for approval if  
10 such board exists in the county where the municipality is located.

11 3. The municipal agricultural and farmland protection plan must be  
12 submitted by the municipality to the commissioner for approval.

13 4. (a) Subject to the availability of funds, state assistance payments  
14 shall be made available for municipalities to conduct agricultural and  
15 farmland protection planning activities. State assistance payments for  
16 planning activities shall not exceed forty thousand dollars to each  
17 municipality other than a county whether applying individually or if two  
18 or more municipalities are applying jointly, and shall not exceed seven-  
19 ty-five percent of the cost of preparing an agricultural and farmland  
20 protection plan. State assistance payments for planning activities  
21 conducted by the city of New York shall not exceed two hundred thousand  
22 dollars, and shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the cost of  
23 preparing an agricultural and farmland protection plan.

24 (b) A municipality which has an approved agricultural and farmland  
25 protection plan may after sixty months from the date of such approval by  
26 the commissioner apply for additional state assistance payments for  
27 planning activities related to the updating of their current plan or  
28 development of a new agricultural and farmland protection plan. Such

1 additional state assistance payments shall not exceed forty thousand  
2 dollars to each municipality other than a county whether applying indi-  
3 vidually or if two or more municipalities are applying jointly, and  
4 shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the cost of preparing an agri-  
5 cultural and farmland protection plan. State assistance payments to the  
6 city of New York for planning activities to update an agricultural and  
7 farmland protection plan shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars,  
8 and shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the cost of preparing an  
9 agricultural and farmland protection plan.

10 (c) A municipality or two or more municipalities acting jointly shall  
11 apply for state assistance payments for agricultural and farmland  
12 protection planning activities in such manner as the commissioner may  
13 prescribe.

14 § 7. Section 325 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by  
15 chapter 413 of the laws of 1996, subdivision 1 as amended, paragraph (c)  
16 of subdivision 2 as added, and paragraphs (d) and (e) of subdivision 2  
17 as relettered by chapter 150 of the laws of 2013, subdivision 2 as  
18 amended by chapter 93 of the laws of 2010, paragraphs (b) and (d) of  
19 subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 234 of the laws of 2010, paragraph  
20 (f) of subdivision 2 as added by chapter 355 of the laws of 2014, and  
21 paragraph (g) of subdivision 2 as added by chapter 158 of the laws of  
22 2018, is amended to read as follows:

23 § 325. [Agricultural] State assistance payments for agricultural and  
24 farmland protection projects. 1. Subject to the availability of funds,  
25 a program is hereby established to finance through state assistance  
26 payments the state share of the costs of locally-led agricultural and  
27 farmland protection [activities] projects. [State assistance payments  
28 for planning activities shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars to each

1 county agricultural and farmland protection board or one hundred thou-  
2 sand dollars to two such boards applying jointly, and shall not exceed  
3 fifty percent of the cost of preparing an agricultural and farmland  
4 protection plan. State assistance payments for planning activities shall  
5 not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars to each municipality other than  
6 a county or fifty thousand dollars to two such municipalities applying  
7 jointly, and shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the cost of  
8 preparing an agricultural and farmland protection plan. A county which  
9 has an approved farmland protection plan may after one hundred twenty  
10 months from the date of such approval by the commissioner apply for  
11 additional state assistance payments for planning activities related to  
12 the updating of their current plan or development of a new farmland  
13 protection plan. Such additional state assistance payments shall not  
14 exceed fifty thousand dollars to each county agricultural and farmland  
15 protection board or one hundred thousand dollars to two such boards  
16 applying jointly, and shall not exceed fifty percent of the cost of  
17 preparing an agricultural and farmland protection plan. State assistance  
18 payments for implementation of approved agricultural and farmland  
19 protection plans may fund up to seventy-five percent of the cost of  
20 implementing the county plan or portion of the plan for which state  
21 assistance payments are requested. State assistance payments to such  
22 counties shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the cost of implement-  
23 ing the local plan or portion of the plan for which state assistance has  
24 been requested. Such maximum shall be increased by a percentage equal to  
25 the percentage of the total eligible costs for such specified projects  
26 that are contributed by the owner of the agricultural land for which the  
27 project is being funded, provided, however, that in no event shall the

1 total of such state assistance payments exceed eighty-seven and one-half  
2 percent of such eligible costs for any specified project.]

3 2. (a) [A county agricultural and farmland protection board, two such  
4 boards acting jointly, a municipality or two such municipalities acting  
5 jointly shall make application to the commissioner in such manner as the  
6 commissioner may prescribe. Application for state assistance payments  
7 for planning activities may be made at any time after the county agri-  
8 cultural and farmland protection board has formed and has elected a  
9 chairperson.] A county [agricultural and farmland protection board] may  
10 make application for state assistance payments for plan implementation  
11 at any time after the commissioner has approved a county agricultural  
12 and farmland protection plan pursuant to section three hundred twenty-  
13 four of this article. Application made jointly by two [county agricul-  
14 tural and farmland protection boards] or more counties may be made after  
15 such agricultural and farmland protection plan is approved by each coun-  
16 ty pursuant to the provisions of section three hundred twenty-four of  
17 this article. State assistance payments to such counties shall not  
18 exceed seventy-five percent of the cost of implementing the county agri-  
19 cultural and farmland protection plan or portion of the plan for which  
20 state assistance has been requested. Such maximum shall be increased by  
21 a percentage equal to the percentage of the total eligible costs for  
22 agricultural and farmland protection projects that are contributed by  
23 the owner of the agricultural land for which the project is being fund-  
24 ed; provided, however, that in no event shall the total of such state  
25 assistance payments exceed eighty-seven and one-half percent of such  
26 eligible costs for any agricultural and farmland protection project. The  
27 commissioner may require such information or additional planning as [he



1 or she deems] they deem necessary to evaluate such a request for state  
2 assistance.

3 (b) Within a county, a municipality which has in place a local agri-  
4 cultural and farmland protection plan may apply and shall be eligible  
5 for [agricultural protection] state assistance payments to implement its  
6 plan, or a portion of its plan, provided the proposed project is  
7 endorsed for funding by the agricultural and farmland protection board  
8 for the county in which the municipality is located [and that any]. Any  
9 plan developed on or after January first, two thousand six [complies]  
10 must comply with section three hundred twenty-four-a of this article.  
11 State assistance payments to such municipalities shall not exceed seven-  
12 ty-five percent of the cost of implementing the local plan or portion of  
13 the plan for which state assistance has been requested. Such maximum  
14 shall be increased by a percentage equal to the percentage of the total  
15 eligible costs for [such specified] agricultural and farmland protection  
16 projects that are contributed by the owner of the agricultural land for  
17 which the project is being funded; provided, however, that in no event  
18 shall the total of such state assistance payments exceed eighty-seven  
19 and one-half percent of such eligible costs for any [specified] agricul-  
20 tural and farmland protection project. The commissioner may require such  
21 information or additional planning as [he or she deems] they deem neces-  
22 sary to evaluate such a request for state assistance.

23 (c) A soil and water conservation district may apply and shall be  
24 eligible for agricultural protection state assistance payments to imple-  
25 ment a county or municipal agricultural and farmland protection plan  
26 approved by the commissioner provided that the proposed project is  
27 endorsed for funding by the county agricultural and farmland protection  
28 board for the county in which the proposed project is located. A soil

1 and water conservation district, two such soil and water conservation  
2 districts acting jointly, a soil and water conservation district and a  
3 municipality acting jointly, or a soil and water conservation district  
4 and a not-for-profit conservation organization acting jointly shall make  
5 application to the commissioner in such manner as the commissioner may  
6 prescribe. The proposed project must also be endorsed for funding by the  
7 municipality in which the proposed project is located if the soil and  
8 water conservation district is seeking agricultural protection state  
9 assistance payments to implement an approved municipal agricultural and  
10 farmland protection plan. Any soil and water conservation district  
11 proposing a project located within the city of New York must have its  
12 project endorsed for funding by the city council or by any board so  
13 delegated by its city council. State assistance payments to such soil  
14 and water conservation districts shall not exceed seventy-five percent  
15 of the cost of implementing the local plan or portion of the plan for  
16 which state assistance has been requested. Such maximum shall be  
17 increased by a percentage equal to the percentage of the total eligible  
18 costs for [such specified] agricultural and farmland protection projects  
19 that are contributed by the owner of the agricultural land for which the  
20 project is being funded; provided, however, that in no event shall the  
21 total of such state assistance payments exceed eighty-seven and one-half  
22 percent of such eligible costs for any [specified] agricultural and  
23 farmland protection project. The commissioner may require such informa-  
24 tion or additional planning as [he or she deems] they deem necessary to  
25 evaluate such a request for state assistance.

26 (d) A not-for-profit conservation organization may apply and shall be  
27 eligible for agricultural protection state assistance payments to imple-  
28 ment a county or municipal agricultural and farmland protection plan

1 approved by the commissioner provided that the proposed project is  
2 endorsed for funding by the [county agricultural and farmland protection  
3 board] legislative body for the [county] municipality in which the  
4 proposed project is located[. The proposed project must also be endorsed  
5 for funding by the municipality in which the proposed project is  
6 located] if the not-for-profit conservation organization is seeking  
7 [agricultural protection state assistance payments to implement]  
8 payments for an agricultural and farmland protection project consistent  
9 with an approved municipal agricultural and farmland protection plan.  
10 Any not-for-profit conservation organization proposing a project located  
11 within the city of New York must have its project endorsed for funding  
12 by the city council or by any board so delegated by its city council.  
13 State assistance payments to such not-for-profit organizations shall not  
14 exceed seventy-five percent of the cost of implementing the [local plan  
15 or portion of the plan] agricultural and farmland protection project for  
16 which state assistance has been requested. Such maximum shall be  
17 increased by a percentage equal to the percentage of the total eligible  
18 costs for [such specified] agricultural and farmland protection projects  
19 that are contributed by the owner of the agricultural land for which the  
20 project is being funded; provided, however, that in no event shall the  
21 total of such state assistance payments exceed eighty-seven and one-half  
22 percent of such eligible costs for any [specified] agricultural and  
23 farmland protection project. The commissioner may require such informa-  
24 tion or additional planning as [he or she deems] they deem necessary to  
25 evaluate such a request for state assistance.

26 (e) In evaluating applications for funding, the commissioner shall  
27 give priority to projects intended to preserve viable agricultural land  
28 as defined in section three hundred one of this chapter; that are in

1 areas facing significant development pressure; and that serve as a buff-  
2 er for a significant natural public resource containing important  
3 ecosystem or habitat characteristics.

4 (f) In evaluating applications for funding, the commissioner shall  
5 consider whether future physical climate risk due to sea level rise,  
6 and/or storm surges and/or flooding, based on available data predicting  
7 the likelihood of future extreme weather events, including hazard risk  
8 analysis data if applicable, has been considered.

9 (g) In evaluating applications for funding, projects for protecting  
10 agricultural land that include farmer-purchaser farmland protection  
11 agreements are eligible for state assistance payments.

12 3. Upon receipt of a request for state assistance, the commissioner  
13 shall review the request, consult with the advisory council on agricul-  
14 ture and, within ninety days from the receipt of a complete application,  
15 shall make a determination as to whether or not such projects shall  
16 receive state assistance.

17 § 8. Subdivisions 2 and 6 of section 325-a of the agriculture and  
18 markets law, as added by chapter 268 of the laws of 2008, are amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 2. Awards of state assistance payments shall be made on a competitive  
21 basis through a request for proposal process which shall set forth the  
22 standards for the selection process, the required proposal format, the  
23 costs which are eligible for funding, reporting requirements, and such  
24 other provisions as the commissioner may deem necessary, proper or  
25 desirable to achieve the purposes of this section. Applications for  
26 state assistance payments for activities to assist counties and munici-  
27 palities outside the city of New York must be endorsed by the agricul-  
28 tural and farmland protection board for the county or counties in which

1 the funded activities would be implemented. Any application associated  
2 with activities occurring within the city of New York must be endorsed  
3 for funding by the city council or by any board so delegated by its city  
4 council.

5 6. State assistance payments awarded pursuant to this section shall  
6 not exceed [fifty] seventy-five thousand dollars to any applicant in any  
7 fiscal year[, and shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars to all  
8 applicants in any fiscal year].

9 § 9. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding two new  
10 sections 325-b and 325-c to read as follows:

11 § 325-b. State assistance payments to counties. 1. Subject to the  
12 availability of funds, a program is hereby established for the purpose  
13 of awarding state assistance payments to counties to implement activ-  
14 ities of their approved agricultural and farmland protection plans other  
15 than agricultural and farmland protection projects funded pursuant to  
16 section three hundred twenty-five of this article. State assistance  
17 payments to such counties shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the  
18 cost of implementing the activities for which state assistance has been  
19 requested. The commissioner may require such information deemed neces-  
20 sary to evaluate such a request for state assistance. Eligible activ-  
21 ities shall include, but not be limited to:

22 (a) audit a municipality's land use and subdivision regulations,  
23 zoning, or site plan requirements to assess potential hardship or unrea-  
24 sonable restrictions to agricultural land and farm operations;

25 (b) audit a municipality's zoning to assess opportunities and chal-  
26 lenges to recruiting and retaining agriculture support service provid-  
27 ers;

1 (c) incorporate local and regional food system planning into existing  
2 emergency management and disaster plans of county and municipal govern-  
3 ments;

4 (d) compile and disseminate planning guide or guides that help identi-  
5 fy existing and emerging constraints for urban agriculture and suggested  
6 strategies for municipalities to encourage and sustain urban agricul-  
7 ture;

8 (e) compile and disseminate planning guide or guides in support of  
9 agricultural economic development, such as opportunities to incorporate  
10 agricultural tourism or other value-added enterprises to farm operations  
11 in a manner compatible with agricultural land use; and

12 (f) compile and disseminate planning guide(s) that help identify  
13 emerging land use conflicts with agriculture and suggested strategies  
14 for municipalities to avoid or mitigate potential harm to local farm  
15 operations.

16 § 325-c. State assistance payments for agricultural and farmland  
17 protection capacity building initiatives. 1. Subject to the availability  
18 of funds, state assistance payments may be awarded to counties, munici-  
19 palities, soil and water conservation districts, and not-for-profit  
20 conservation organizations to increase staff capacity to accelerate  
21 locally-led agricultural and farmland protection projects. State  
22 assistance payments may provide up to one hundred percent of the cost of  
23 each awarded staff capacity initiative. The commissioner may require  
24 such information as such commissioner deems necessary to evaluate such a  
25 request for state assistance. Any county, municipality, soil and water  
26 conservation district, or not-for-profit conservation organization which  
27 has previously received state assistance from an award from this program  
28 may, after one hundred twenty months from the date of the final payment

1 associated with such prior award, apply for additional state assistance  
2 payments for agricultural and farmland protection capacity building.

3 2. Subject to the availability of funds, state assistance payments may  
4 be awarded to recently established not-for-profit conservation organiza-  
5 tions to specifically carry out locally led agricultural and farmland  
6 protection projects. State assistance payments may provide up to one  
7 hundred percent of qualified five-year start-up costs for such not-for-  
8 profit conservation organizations. The commissioner may require such  
9 information as they deem necessary to evaluate such a request for state  
10 assistance.

11 § 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

12 PART PP

13 Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 27-1901 of the environmental  
14 conservation law, as added by section 3 of part V1 of chapter 62 of the  
15 laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

16 11. "Tire service" means any person or business [in New York state]  
17 who sells or installs new tires for use on any vehicle and any person or  
18 business who engages in the retail sale of new motor vehicles. [A person  
19 who is not the end point of sale and any governmental agency or poli-  
20 tical subdivision are excluded from this term] The United States of  
21 America and any of its agencies and instrumentalities, and New York  
22 state and any of its agencies, instrumentalities, public corporations,  
23 or political subdivisions are excluded from this term.

24 § 2. Subdivision 1 and the opening paragraph of subdivision 2 of  
25 section 27-1905 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by

1 section 1 of part MM of chapter 58 of the laws of 2022, are amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 1. Until December thirty-first, two thousand [twenty-five] thirty,  
4 accept from a customer, waste tires of approximately the same size and  
5 in a quantity equal to the number of new tires purchased or installed by  
6 the customer; and

7 Until December thirty-first, two thousand [twenty-five] thirty, post  
8 written notice in a prominent location, which must be at least eight and  
9 one-half inches by fourteen inches in size and contain the following  
10 language:

11 § 3. Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of section 27-1913 of the environmental  
12 conservation law, subdivisions 1 and 2 as amended by section 2 and  
13 subdivision 3 as amended by section 3 of part MM of chapter 58 of the  
14 laws of 2022, are amended to read as follows:

15 1. Until December thirty-first, two thousand [twenty-five] thirty, a  
16 waste tire management and recycling fee of two dollars and fifty cents  
17 shall be charged on each new tire sold. The fee shall be paid by the  
18 purchaser to the tire service at the time the new tire or new motor  
19 vehicle is purchased; provided, however, that the fee shall be paid by a  
20 purchaser to a tire service upon installation of new tires unless the  
21 purchaser can demonstrate that the fee was previously paid to the  
22 seller.

23 The waste tire management and recycling fee does not apply to[:

24 (a)] recapped [or resold] tires[;

25 (b) mail-order sales; or

26 (c) the sale of new motor vehicle tires to a person solely for the  
27 purpose of resale provided the subsequent retail sale in this state is  
28 subject to such fee].



1 2. Until December thirty-first, two thousand [twenty-five] thirty, the  
2 tire service shall collect the waste tire management and recycling fee  
3 from the purchaser at the time of the sale and shall remit such fee to  
4 the department of taxation and finance with the quarterly report filed  
5 pursuant to subdivision three of this section.

6 (a) The fee imposed shall be stated as an invoice item separate and  
7 distinct from the selling price of the tire.

8 (b) The tire service shall be entitled to retain an allowance of twen-  
9 ty-five cents per tire from fees collected.

10 3. Each tire service [maintaining a place of business in this state]  
11 that is a "person required to collect tax" as defined in section eleven  
12 hundred thirty-one of the tax law shall make a return to the department  
13 of taxation and finance on such form and including such information as  
14 the commissioner of taxation and finance may require. Such returns shall  
15 be due at the same time and for the same periods as the sales tax return  
16 of such tire service, in accordance with section eleven hundred thirty-  
17 six of the tax law, and payment of all fees due for such periods shall  
18 be remitted with such returns.

19 § 4. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 6 of section 27-1913 of the environ-  
20 mental conservation law, as amended by section 2 of part MM of chapter  
21 58 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

22 (a) Until December thirty-first, two thousand [twenty-five] thirty,  
23 any additional waste tire management and recycling costs of the tire  
24 service in excess of the amount authorized to be retained pursuant to  
25 paragraph (b) of subdivision two of this section may be included in the  
26 published selling price of the new tire, or charged as a separate per-  
27 tire charge on each new tire sold. When such costs are charged as a  
28 separate per-tire charge: (i) such charge shall be stated as an invoice

1 item separate and distinct from the selling price of the tire; (ii) the  
2 invoice shall state that the charge is imposed at the sole discretion of  
3 the tire service; and (iii) the amount of such charge shall reflect the  
4 actual cost to the tire service for the management and recycling of  
5 waste tires accepted by the tire service pursuant to section 27-1905 of  
6 this title, provided however, that in no event shall such charge exceed  
7 two dollars and fifty cents on each new tire sold.

8 § 5. This act shall take effect September 1, 2025.

9 PART QQ

10 Section 1. Section 2 of part ZZ of chapter 55 of the laws of 2021  
11 amending the environmental conservation law relating to establishing a  
12 deer hunting pilot program, as amended by section 2 of part RR of chap-  
13 ter 58 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

14 § 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2021 and shall expire and be  
15 deemed repealed December 31, [2025] 2030.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

17 PART RR

18 Section 1. Section 27-1301 of the environmental conservation law is  
19 amended by adding four new subdivisions 8, 9, 10 and 11 to read as  
20 follows:

21 8. "Natural resource damages" means the amount of money sought as  
22 compensation for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural  
23 resources, including the reasonable costs of assessing such injury,  
24 destruction, or loss resulting from the disposal of hazardous waste at

1 an inactive hazardous waste disposal site, and including administrative  
2 and legal costs. Damages may also include the value of the natural  
3 resource services lost for the time period from the disposal until the  
4 attainment of such restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, and/or  
5 acquisition of equivalent natural resources.

6 9. "Natural resources" means land, fish, wildlife, biota, air, water,  
7 and other such resources belonging to, managed by, held in trust by,  
8 appertaining to, or otherwise controlled by the state or a municipality.

9 10. "Response costs" means the state's costs of developing, implement-  
10 ing, and/or overseeing an inactive hazardous waste disposal site remedi-  
11 al program.

12 11. "Responsible person" or "person responsible" for the disposal of  
13 hazardous waste at a site means:

14 (a) any person who currently owns or operates a site or any portion  
15 thereof;

16 (b) any person who owned or operated a site or any portion thereof at  
17 the time of disposal of the hazardous waste;

18 (c) any person who generated any hazardous waste disposed at a site;

19 (d) any person who transported any hazardous waste to a site selected  
20 by such person;

21 (e) any person who disposed of any hazardous waste at a site;

22 (f) any person who arranged for:

23 (i) the transportation of any hazardous waste to a site; or

24 (ii) the disposal of any hazardous waste at a site; and

25 (g) any other person who is responsible according to the applicable  
26 principles of statutory or common law liability pursuant to subdivision  
27 four of section 27-1313 of this title and/or the Comprehensive Environ-

1 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §  
2 9601 et seq.

3 § 2. Paragraph b of subdivision 2 of section 27-1305 of the environ-  
4 mental conservation law, as amended by section 3 of part E of chapter 1  
5 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

6 b. The department shall, as part of the registry, assess and, based  
7 upon new information received, reassess by March thirty-first of each  
8 year, in cooperation with the department of health, the relative need  
9 for action at each site to remedy environmental and health problems  
10 resulting from the presence of hazardous wastes at such sites including  
11 in such assessment whether sites shall be prioritized under paragraph b  
12 of subdivision five of section 27-1313 of this title due to site  
13 location in areas identified as a disadvantaged community pursuant to  
14 subdivision five of section 75-0101 of this chapter; provided, however,  
15 that if at the time of such assessment or reassessment, the department  
16 has not placed a site in classification 1 or 2, as described in subpara-  
17 graphs one and two of this paragraph, and such site is the subject of  
18 negotiations for, or implementation of, a brownfield site cleanup agree-  
19 ment pursuant to title fourteen of this article, obligating the person  
20 subject to such agreement to, at a minimum, eliminate or mitigate all  
21 significant threats to the public health and environment posed by the  
22 hazardous waste pursuant to such agreement, the department shall defer  
23 its assessment or reassessment during the period such person is engaged  
24 in good faith negotiations to enter into such an agreement and, follow-  
25 ing its execution, is in compliance with the terms of such agreement,  
26 and shall assess or reassess such site upon completion of remediation to  
27 the department's satisfaction. In making its assessments, the department  
28 shall place every site in one of the following classifications:

1 (1) Causing or presenting an imminent danger of causing irreversible  
2 or irreparable damage to the public health or environment--immediate  
3 action required;

4 (2) Significant threat to the public health or environment--action  
5 required;

6 (3) Does not present a significant threat to the public health or  
7 environment--action may be deferred;

8 (4) Site properly closed--requires continued management;

9 (5) Site properly closed, no evidence of present or potential adverse  
10 impact--no further action required. The department shall prioritize  
11 remedial programs at sites placed in classification 1 or 2, as described  
12 in subparagraphs one and two of this paragraph, that are located in  
13 disadvantaged communities as identified pursuant to subdivision five of  
14 section 75-0101 of this chapter, consistent with the protection of  
15 public health and the environment.

16 § 3. Paragraph b of subdivision 5 of section 27-1313 of the environ-  
17 mental conservation law, as amended by chapter 857 of the laws of 1982,  
18 is amended to read as follows:

19 b. In the event that the commissioner has found that hazardous wastes  
20 at a site constitute a significant threat to the environment, but after  
21 a reasonable attempt to determine who may be responsible is either  
22 unable to determine who may be responsible, or is unable to locate a  
23 person who may be responsible, the department may develop and implement  
24 an inactive hazardous waste disposal site remedial program for such  
25 site. The department shall prioritize implementation of remedial  
26 programs at sites located in disadvantaged communities as identified  
27 pursuant to subdivision five of section 75-0101 of this chapter. The  
28 commissioner shall make every effort, in accordance with the require-

1 ments for notice, hearing and review provided for in this title, to  
2 secure appropriate relief from any person subsequently identified or  
3 located who is responsible for the disposal of hazardous waste at such  
4 site, including, but not limited to, development and implementation of  
5 an inactive hazardous waste disposal site remedial program, payment of  
6 the cost of such a program, recovery of any reasonable expenses incurred  
7 by the state, money damages and penalties.

8 § 4. Section 27-1315 of the environmental conservation law, as amended  
9 by section 7 of part E of chapter 1 of the laws of 2003 and subdivision  
10 1 as amended by section 50 of part D of chapter 60 of the laws of 2012,  
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 § 27-1315. Rules and regulations.

13 1. The commissioner shall have the power to promulgate rules and regu-  
14 lations necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this  
15 title. [Any regulations shall include provisions which establish the  
16 procedures for a hearing pursuant to subdivision four of section 27-1313  
17 of this title and shall ensure a division of functions between the  
18 commissioner, the staff who present the case, and any hearing officers  
19 appointed. In addition, any regulations shall set forth findings to be  
20 based on a factual record, which must be made before the commissioner  
21 determines that a significant threat to the environment exists.]

22 2. Any regulations concerning a hearing pursuant to subdivision four  
23 of section 27-1313 of this title shall include provisions which estab-  
24 lish the procedures for such hearing and shall ensure a division of  
25 functions between the commissioner, the staff who present the case, and  
26 any hearing officers appointed. In addition, any regulations shall set  
27 forth findings to be based on a factual record, which shall be made

1 before the commissioner determines that a significant threat to the  
2 environment exists.

3 3. Such rules and regulations of the department as shall be in effect  
4 on the effective date of this subdivision that shall have been promul-  
5 gated to carry out the purposes of this title shall be deemed to be  
6 revised, as of the effective date of this subdivision, to include the  
7 definition of "hazardous waste" as it appears in section 27-1301 of this  
8 title.

9 § 5. Subdivision 2 of section 27-1323 of the environmental conserva-  
10 tion law, as added by section 9 of part E of chapter 1 of the laws of  
11 2003, is amended to read as follows:

12 2. Municipal exemption. (a) For the purposes of this title no municipi-  
13 ality or public corporation shall incur any liability [from any statu-  
14 tory claims of the state as an owner or operator of a site, or a person  
15 responsible for the disposal of a hazardous waste at such site, if such  
16 public corporation acquired such site involuntarily, and such public  
17 corporation retained such site without participating in the development  
18 of such site] as a responsible person.

19 (b) This exemption shall not apply to any municipality or public  
20 corporation that [has caused or contributed to the release or threatened  
21 release of a hazardous waste from or onto the site, or to any public  
22 corporation that generated, transported, or disposed of, arranged for,  
23 or that caused the generation, transportation, or disposal of hazardous  
24 waste, from or onto the site] through action or inaction, intentionally  
25 or recklessly caused or contributed to contamination, outside of its  
26 performance of governmental functions, which threatens public health or  
27 the environment, at real property it owns or operates.

28 (c) When used in this section:

1 (1) "Public corporation" means a public corporation as defined in  
2 section sixty-five of the general construction law, a local public  
3 authority, supervisory district, improvement district within a county,  
4 city, town, or village, or Indian nation or tribe recognized by the  
5 state or the United States with a reservation wholly or partly within  
6 the boundaries of New York state, or any combination thereof.

7 (2) "Involuntary acquisition of ownership or control" includes but is  
8 not limited to the following:

9 (i) Acquisitions by a public corporation in its sovereign capacity,  
10 including but not limited to acquisitions pursuant to abandonment  
11 proceedings or bequest;

12 (ii) Acquisitions by a public corporation, or its agent, acting as a  
13 conservator or receiver pursuant to a clear and direct statutory mandate  
14 or regulatory authority;

15 (iii) Acquisitions of assets through foreclosure and its equivalents,  
16 or otherwise, by a public corporation in the course of administering a  
17 loan, loan guarantee, tax lien, or tax forbearance agreement, or loan  
18 insurance program; or

19 (iv) Acquisitions by a public corporation pursuant to seizure, injunc-  
20 tion, condemnation, or forfeiture authority; provided that such owner-  
21 ship or control is not retained primarily for investment purposes.

22 (d) For the purpose of this section, the terms "foreclosure" and  
23 "foreclose" mean, respectively, acquiring or to acquire a brownfield  
24 site through:

25 (1) purchase at sale under a judgment or decree, power of sale, or  
26 non-judicial foreclosure sale;

27 (2) a deed in lieu of foreclosure, or similar conveyance, or abandon-  
28 ment from a person or trustee;



1 (3) conveyance pursuant to an extension of credit or tax forbearance  
2 previously contracted; or

3 (4) any other formal or informal manner by which a person acquires,  
4 for subsequent disposition, title to or possession of a site in order to  
5 protect the security interest of the public corporation or lender.

6 (e) ["Participating in development" means the carrying out, or causing  
7 or permitting the carrying out, of any above-grade improvements to the  
8 site or any other environmental investigation or remediation, except for  
9 those improvements which are part of a site remedial program pursuant to  
10 this article or in furtherance of site safety, such as fencing or light-  
11 ing, but does not include licensing, regulatory oversight, or the mere  
12 capacity to regulate or influence, or the unexercised right to control  
13 the operation of the property. For purposes of this section, participat-  
14 ing in development does not include:

15 (1) having the capacity to influence management of a site;

16 (2) having the unexercised right to control or to regulate the site or  
17 operations thereof;

18 (3) holding, abandoning, or releasing a security interest or tax lien  
19 on such site;

20 (4) including a condition relating to environmental compliance in a  
21 contract, permit, license, or security agreement;

22 (5) monitoring or enforcing the terms and conditions of an agreement  
23 or tax forbearance agreement;

24 (6) monitoring or undertaking one or more inspections of a site  
25 including, but not limited to, boring test wells;

26 (7) exercising other remedies available under applicable laws;

27 (8) licensing, permitting, or granting permits, certificates of occu-  
28 pancy and variances as allowed by law and/or regulation;

1 (9) applying for or participating in federal or state statutory  
2 programs or benefits; or

3 (10) declining to take any of the actions described in subparagraphs  
4 one through nine of this paragraph.

5 (f)] Any public corporation that has taken possession of a site shall  
6 notify the department of any release of hazardous waste within ten days  
7 of obtaining actual knowledge of such release, unless a shorter notice  
8 period is required under any other provision of law, in which case the  
9 shorter notice period controls. Failure to notify the department within  
10 the ten day or shorter notification period shall result in the loss of  
11 the exemption set forth in this section.

12 § 6. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new  
13 section 27-1325 to read as follows:

14 § 27-1325. Financial responsibility provisions.

15 1. The department may promulgate regulations regarding financial  
16 responsibility for the implementation of an inactive hazardous waste  
17 disposal site remedial program.

18 2. Financial responsibility required by subdivision one of this  
19 section may be established in accordance with regulations promulgated by  
20 the commissioner by any one, or any combination, of the following:  
21 insurance, guarantee, surety bond, letter of credit, or qualification as  
22 a self-insurer. In promulgating requirements under this section, the  
23 commissioner is authorized to specify policy or other contractual terms,  
24 conditions, or defenses which are necessary or are unacceptable in  
25 establishing such evidence of financial responsibility in order to  
26 effectuate the purposes of this article.

27 3. In any case where the responsible party is in bankruptcy, reorgan-  
28 ization, or arrangement pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Code or

1 where, with reasonable diligence, jurisdiction in any state or federal  
2 court within the state cannot be obtained over a responsible party like-  
3 ly to be solvent at the time of judgment, any claim arising from conduct  
4 for which evidence of financial responsibility shall be provided under  
5 this section may be asserted directly against the guarantor providing  
6 such evidence of financial responsibility. In the case of any action  
7 pursuant to this subdivision, such guarantor shall be entitled to invoke  
8 all rights and defenses which would have been available to the responsi-  
9 ble party if any action had been brought against the responsible party  
10 by the claimant and which would have been available to the guarantor if  
11 an action had been brought against the guarantor by the responsible  
12 party.

13 4. The total liability of any guarantor shall be limited to the aggre-  
14 gate amount which the guarantor has provided as evidence of financial  
15 responsibility to the responsible party under this chapter. Nothing in  
16 this subdivision shall be construed to limit any other state or federal  
17 statutory, contractual or common law liability of a guarantor to its  
18 responsible party including, but not limited to, the liability of such  
19 guarantor for bad faith either in negotiating or in failing to negotiate  
20 the settlement of any claim. Nothing in this subdivision shall be  
21 construed to diminish the liability of any person under section 27-1313  
22 of this article or other applicable law.

23 5. For the purpose of this section, the term "guarantor" means any  
24 person, other than the responsible party, who provides evidence of  
25 financial responsibility for a responsible party under this section.

26 § 7. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new  
27 section 27-1327 to read as follows:

28 § 27-1327. Recovery of response costs and natural resource damages.

1 1. Each responsible person as defined in section 27-1313 of this title  
2 shall be strictly liable, jointly and severally, for all response costs  
3 and for all natural resource damages resulting from the disposal of  
4 hazardous waste at an inactive hazardous waste disposal site. The  
5 commissioner may commence an action in a court of competent jurisdiction  
6 to recover the response costs and/or natural resource damages. The  
7 commissioner shall prioritize securing relief or other action at sites  
8 placed in classification 1 or 2, as described in subparagraphs one and  
9 two of paragraph b of subdivision two of section 27-1305 of this title,  
10 that are located in disadvantaged communities as identified pursuant to  
11 subdivision five of section 75-0101 of this chapter.

12 2. A determination or assessment of natural resource damages for the  
13 purposes of this section made or adopted by the commissioner in accord-  
14 ance with any applicable regulations promulgated under section 27-1315  
15 of this title or under section 9651(c) of title 42 of the United States  
16 Code shall have the force and effect of a rebuttable presumption on  
17 behalf of the commissioner in any judicial proceeding.

18 3. In an action to recover response costs and/or natural resource  
19 damages, the commissioner may also seek civil penalties under section  
20 71-2705 of this chapter.

21 4. All amounts received to satisfy liability for natural resource  
22 damages shall be credited to the department's natural resource damages  
23 fund to be used exclusively to pay or reimburse costs of assessing  
24 natural resource damages and restore, replace, and/or acquire the equiv-  
25 alent of the affected natural resources. The measure of compensation for  
26 injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources is the cost of:

1 (a) restoration or rehabilitation of the injured natural resources to  
2 a condition where they can provide the level of services available had  
3 the disposal of hazardous waste not occurred; or

4 (b) the replacement and/or acquisition of equivalent natural  
5 resources capable of providing such services.

6 5. The state shall have a lien for all response costs incurred by the  
7 state and for all natural resource damages for which a judicial determi-  
8 nation of liability has been made upon such real property located within  
9 the state:

10 (a) owned by a person liable to the state for such response costs  
11 and/or natural resource damages under this title at the time a notice of  
12 environmental lien is filed; and

13 (b) upon which the disposal of hazardous wastes occurred.

14 6. An environmental lien shall attach when:

15 (a) response costs are incurred by the state and/or a judicial judg-  
16 ment of liability for natural resource damages is entered;

17 (b) the responsible person fails to pay such costs within ninety days  
18 after a written demand therefor by the state is mailed by certified or  
19 registered mail, return receipt requested, and/or fails to pay such  
20 natural resource damages within ninety days after entry of judgment; and

21 (c) a notice of environmental lien is filed by the department as  
22 provided in paragraph (a) of subdivision ten of this section; provided,  
23 however, that a copy of the notice of environmental lien is served upon  
24 the owner of the real property subject to the environmental lien within  
25 thirty days of such filing in accordance with the provisions of section  
26 eleven of the lien law.

27 7. (a) An environmental lien shall continue against the real property  
28 until:

1 (i) the claim or judgment against the person referred to in subdivi-  
2 sion one of this section for response costs and/or natural resource  
3 damages is satisfied or becomes unenforceable;

4 (ii) the lien is released by the commissioner pursuant to this subdivi-  
5 vision;

6 (iii) the lien is discharged by payment of monies into court; or

7 (iv) the lien is otherwise vacated by court order.

8 (b) Upon the occurrence of any event under subparagraphs (i) through  
9 (iv) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, except where the lien is  
10 vacated by court order, the commissioner shall execute the release of an  
11 environmental lien and file the release as provided in subdivision nine  
12 of this section. The commissioner may release an environmental lien  
13 where:

14 (i) a legally enforceable agreement satisfactory to the commissioner  
15 has been executed relating to the response costs and/or natural resource  
16 damages that are the subject of the lien or reimbursing the state for  
17 such response costs and/or natural resource damages; or an owner or  
18 operator of the site subject to the lien agrees to perform remedial  
19 work, site management, or other in-kind services of sufficient value to  
20 the commissioner; or

21 (ii) the attachment or enforcement of the environmental lien is deter-  
22 mined by the commissioner not to be in the public interest.

23 8. An environmental lien is subject to the rights of any other person,  
24 including an owner, purchaser, holder of a mortgage or security inter-  
25 est, or judgment lien creditor, whose interest is perfected before a  
26 lien notice has been filed as provided in subdivision ten of this  
27 section.

28 9. A notice of environmental lien shall state:

1 (a) that the lienor is the state of New York;

2 (b) the name of the record owner of the real property on which the  
3 environmental lien has attached;

4 (c) the real property subject to the lien, with a description thereof  
5 sufficient for identification;

6 (d) that the real property described in the notice is the property  
7 upon which a disposal of hazardous wastes occurred and that response  
8 costs have been incurred by the lienor and/or that natural resource  
9 damages have been judicially determined to be due to the lienor as a  
10 result of such disposal;

11 (e) that the owner is potentially liable for response costs and/or  
12 subject to a judgment for natural resource damages pursuant to this  
13 title; and

14 (f) that an environmental lien has attached to the described real  
15 property.

16 10. (a) A notice of environmental lien shall be filed in the clerk's  
17 office of the county where the property is situated. If such property is  
18 situated in two or more counties, the notice of environmental lien shall  
19 be filed in the office of the clerk of each of such counties. The notice  
20 of lien shall be indexed by the county clerk in accordance with the  
21 provisions of section ten of the lien law. The notice of lien shall be  
22 served upon the owner of the real property subject to the lien in  
23 accordance with the provisions of section eleven of the lien law.

24 (b) A release of an environmental lien shall be filed in the clerk's  
25 office of each county where the notice of environmental lien was filed  
26 and shall be indexed in the manner prescribed for indexing environmental  
27 liens.

1 11. An environmental lien may be enforced against the property speci-  
2 fied in the notice of environmental lien, and an environmental lien may  
3 be vacated or discharged, as prescribed in article three of the lien  
4 law; provided, however, that nothing in this article or in article three  
5 of the lien law shall affect the right of the state to bring an action  
6 to recover response costs and/or natural resource damages under section  
7 one hundred seven of the federal comprehensive environmental recovery,  
8 compensation and liability act (42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq).

9 12. Amounts received by the administrator to satisfy all or part of an  
10 environmental lien for response costs shall be deposited in the depart-  
11 ment's hazardous waste remedial fund, and amounts received to satisfy  
12 all or part of an environmental lien for natural resource damages shall  
13 be deposited in the department's natural resource damages fund.

14 13. (a) An owner or operator of an inactive hazardous waste disposal  
15 site whose liability under this title and/or 42 U.S.C. § 9607 et seq.  
16 arises solely from being considered an owner or operator of such site  
17 shall not be liable as long as it can demonstrate that one or more of  
18 the affirmative defenses in paragraph (a) of subdivision four of section  
19 27-1323 of this title applies, and the owner or operator does not impede  
20 the performance of a response action or natural resource restoration.

21 (b) If there are unrecovered response costs incurred by the department  
22 at an inactive hazardous waste disposal site for which an owner or oper-  
23 ator of the site is not liable by reason of paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
24 vision, and if each of the conditions described in paragraph (c) of this  
25 subdivision is met, the department shall have a lien on the facility, or  
26 may by agreement with the owner or operator, obtain from the owner or  
27 operator a lien on any other property or other assurance of payment  
28 satisfactory to the department, for the unrecovered response costs.



1 (c) The conditions referred to in paragraph (b) of this subdivision  
2 are the following:

3 (i) A response action for which there are unrecovered costs of the  
4 department is carried out at the inactive hazardous waste disposal site.

5 (ii) The response action increases the fair market value of the site  
6 above the fair market value of the site that existed before the response  
7 action was initiated.

8 (d) A lien under paragraph (b) of this subdivision:

9 (i) shall be in an amount not to exceed the increase in fair market  
10 value of the property attributable to the response action at the time of  
11 a sale or other disposition of the property;

12 (ii) shall arise at the time at which costs are first incurred by the  
13 department with respect to a response action at the site;

14 (iii) shall be subject to the requirements of subdivisions seven,  
15 eight, and nine of this section; and

16 (iv) shall continue until the earlier of:

17 (A) satisfaction of the lien by sale or other means; or

18 (B) recovery of all response costs incurred at the site.

19 § 8. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new  
20 section 27-1329 to read as follows:

21 § 27-1329. Abatement actions.

22 1. Maintenance, jurisdiction, etc. When the commissioner determines  
23 that there may be an imminent danger to the health or welfare of the  
24 people of the state or the environment, or results in or is likely to  
25 result in irreversible or irreparable damage to natural resources  
26 because of an actual or threatened release of a hazardous substance from  
27 an inactive hazardous waste disposal site, the commissioner may request  
28 the attorney general to secure such relief as may be necessary to abate

1 such danger or threat and to grant such relief as the public interest  
2 and the equities of the case may require. The commissioner may also take  
3 other action under this section including, but not limited to, issuing  
4 such orders as may be necessary to protect public health and welfare and  
5 the environment.

6 2. Fines; reimbursement. (a) Any person who, without sufficient cause,  
7 fails or refuses to comply with, any order of the commissioner under  
8 subdivision one of this section may, in an action brought in the appro-  
9 priate court of competent jurisdiction to enforce such order, be fined  
10 not more than thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars for each day in  
11 which such violation occurs or such failure to comply continues.

12 (b) (i) Any person who receives and complies with the terms of any  
13 order issued under subdivision one of this section may, within sixty  
14 days after completion of the required action, petition the commissioner  
15 for reimbursement from the hazardous waste remedial fund pursuant to  
16 section ninety-seven-b of the state finance law for the reasonable costs  
17 of such action, plus interest. Any interest payable under this subpara-  
18 graph shall accrue on the amounts expended from the date of expenditure  
19 at the same rate as specified for interest on investments of the hazard-  
20 ous substance superfund established under subchapter A of chapter 98 of  
21 title 26 of the federal comprehensive environmental response, compen-  
22 sation, and liability act.

23 (ii) If the commissioner refuses to grant all or part of a petition  
24 made under this paragraph, the petitioner may within thirty days of  
25 receipt of such refusal file an action against the department pursuant  
26 to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.

27 (iii) Except as provided in subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, to  
28 obtain reimbursement, the petitioner shall establish by a preponderance

1 of the evidence that such petitioner is not liable for response costs  
2 under section 27-1313 of this title and that costs for which such peti-  
3 tioner seeks reimbursement are reasonable in light of the action  
4 required by the relevant order.

5 (iv) A petitioner under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph may also  
6 recover its reasonable costs of response to the extent that such peti-  
7 tioner can demonstrate, on the administrative record, that the commis-  
8 sioner's decision in selecting the response action ordered was arbitrary  
9 and capricious or was otherwise not in accordance with law. Reimburse-  
10 ment awarded under this subparagraph shall include all reasonable  
11 response costs incurred by the petitioner pursuant to the portions of  
12 the order found to be arbitrary and capricious or otherwise not in  
13 accordance with law.

14 (v) Reimbursement awarded by a court under subparagraph (iii) or (iv)  
15 of this paragraph may include appropriate costs, fees, and other  
16 expenses in accordance with section eighty-six hundred one of the civil  
17 practice law and rules.

18 § 9. Subdivisions 1 and 4 of section 97-b of the state finance law,  
19 subdivision 1 as amended by section 3 of part AA of chapter 58 of the  
20 laws of 2018 and subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 38 of the laws of  
21 1985, are amended to read as follows:

22 1. There is hereby established in the custody of the state comptroller  
23 a nonlapsing revolving fund to be known as the "hazardous waste remedial  
24 fund", which shall consist of a "site investigation and construction  
25 account", an "industry fee transfer account", an "environmental restora-  
26 tion project account", a "hazardous waste cleanup account", and a  
27 "hazardous waste remediation oversight and assistance account".

1 4. [No] With respect to moneys in the hazardous waste cleanup account,  
2 no moneys shall be available from the fund pursuant to paragraph (a) of  
3 subdivision three of this section unless the commissioner of environ-  
4 mental conservation finds that all reasonable efforts to secure volun-  
5 tary agreement to pay the costs of necessary remedial actions from  
6 owners or operators of inactive hazardous waste sites or other responsi-  
7 ble persons have been made except where the commissioner of environ-  
8 mental conservation has made findings pursuant to paragraph b of subdivi-  
9 vision three of section 27-1313 of the environmental conservation law  
10 [or where]; the commissioner of health has declared a condition danger-  
11 ous to life or health and made findings pursuant to paragraph (b) of  
12 subdivision three of section one thousand three hundred eighty-nine-b of  
13 the public health law; the commissioner of health or the commissioner of  
14 environmental conservation has determined that immediate action in the  
15 form of a remedial investigation and/or an interim remedial measure is  
16 necessary to abate a threat to the public health or the environment; or  
17 the site is owned by the state or the state is a responsible person.

18 § 10. Paragraphs (a) and (j) of subdivision 3 of section 97-b of the  
19 state finance law, paragraph (a) as amended by section 4 of part I of  
20 chapter 1 of the laws of 2003 and paragraph (j) as amended by section 5  
21 of part T of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, are amended and a new para-  
22 graph (k) is added to read as follows:

23 (a) inactive hazardous waste disposal site remedial programs pursuant  
24 to section 27-1313 of the environmental conservation law and section  
25 thirteen hundred eighty-nine-b of the public health law, including sites  
26 that are owned by the state;

27 (j) with respect to moneys in the hazardous waste remediation over-  
28 sight and assistance account, technical assistance grants pursuant to

1 titles thirteen and fourteen of article twenty-seven of the environ-  
2 mental conservation law; and

3 (k) with respect to moneys in the hazardous waste remediation over-  
4 sight and assistance account, oversight expenditures for ensuring the  
5 continued maintenance and operation of engineering controls pursuant to  
6 subdivision seven of section 27-1415 of the environmental conservation  
7 law.

8 § 11. Subdivision 3 of section 1285-q of the public authorities law,  
9 as amended by section 43 of part BB of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015,  
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 3. The maximum amount of bonds that may be issued for the purpose of  
12 financing hazardous waste site remediation projects and environmental  
13 restoration projects authorized by this section shall not exceed [two]  
14 three billion [two] four hundred fifty million dollars [and shall not  
15 exceed one hundred million dollars for appropriations enacted for any  
16 state fiscal year], provided that the bonds not issued for such appro-  
17 priations may be issued pursuant to reappropriation in subsequent fiscal  
18 years. No bonds shall be issued for the repayment of any new appropri-  
19 ation enacted after March thirty-first, two thousand [twenty-six] thir-  
20 ty-six for hazardous waste site remediation projects authorized by this  
21 section. Amounts authorized to be issued by this section shall be exclu-  
22 sive of bonds issued to fund any debt service reserve funds, pay costs  
23 of issuance of such bonds, and bonds or notes issued to refund or other-  
24 wise repay bonds or notes previously issued. Such bonds and notes of the  
25 corporation shall not be a debt of the state, and the state shall not be  
26 liable thereon, nor shall they be payable out of any funds other than  
27 those appropriated by this state to the corporation for debt service and  
28 related expenses pursuant to any service contracts executed pursuant to

1 subdivision one of this section, and such bonds and notes shall contain  
2 on the face thereof a statement to such effect.

3 § 12. This act shall take effect immediately.

4 PART SS

5 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 391-u of the general business law,  
6 as added by chapter 88 of the laws of 2020, is amended by adding a new  
7 paragraph (h) to read as follows:

8 (h) "Intentionally added" shall have the same meaning as "inten-  
9 tionally added chemical" in subdivision four of section 37-0121 of the  
10 environmental conservation law.

11 § 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 391-u of the general  
12 business law, as added by chapter 88 of the laws of 2020, is amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 (b) A manufacturer that produces, sells, or distributes a class B  
15 firefighting foam prohibited under subdivision three of this section  
16 shall recall [the] such product, which [includes] at any time has been  
17 manufactured, sold, offered for sale, or distributed for sale or use.  
18 Such recall shall include collection, transport, treatment, storage, and  
19 safe [disposal, after the implementation date of the restrictions set  
20 forth in subdivision three of this section] destruction of PFAS chemi-  
21 cals through or by a method approved by the department of environmental  
22 conservation and [reimburse] reimbursement of the retailer or any other  
23 purchaser for the product.

24 § 3. Subdivision 5 of section 391-u of the general business law, as  
25 added by chapter 88 of the laws of 2020, is amended by adding a new  
26 paragraph (c) to read as follows:

1 (c) Beginning January first, two thousand twenty-eight, a manufacturer  
2 or other person that sells firefighting personal protective equipment to  
3 a person, local government, or state agency shall not manufacture, know-  
4 ingly sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale or distribute for use in  
5 the state any firefighting personal protective equipment containing  
6 intentionally added PFAS chemicals.

7 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

8 PART TT

9 Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation  
10 necessary for related land acquisition for conservation purposes. Each  
11 component is wholly contained within a Subpart identified as Subparts A  
12 through B. The effective date for each particular provision contained  
13 within such Subpart is set forth in the last section of such Subpart.  
14 Any provision in any section contained within a Subpart, including the  
15 effective date of the Subpart, which makes a reference to a section "of  
16 this act", when used in connection with that particular component, shall  
17 be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Subpart  
18 in which it is found. Section three of this act sets forth the general  
19 effective date of this act.

20 SUBPART A

21 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3-0305 of the environmental  
22 conservation law, as added by chapter 727 of the laws of 1978, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

1 1. The commissioner when moneys therefor have been appropriated by  
2 the legislature or are otherwise available, may acquire any real proper-  
3 ty which [he] such commissioner deems necessary for any of the purposes  
4 or functions of the department, by purchase or as provided in the  
5 eminent domain procedure law. Title to such real property shall be  
6 taken in the name of and be vested in the people of the state of New  
7 York. No real property, except conservation easements, shall be so  
8 acquired by purchase unless the title thereto is approved by the attor-  
9 ney general. The terms "property" or "real property" as used in this  
10 section shall mean "real property" as defined by section one hundred  
11 three of the eminent domain procedure law.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

13 SUBPART B

14 Section 1. Section 1405 of the tax law is amended by adding a new  
15 subdivision (c) to read as follows:

16 (c) Conveyances of real property for open space, parks, or historic  
17 preservation purposes to any not-for-profit tax exempt corporation oper-  
18 ated for conservation, environmental, parks or historic preservation  
19 purposes shall be exempt from payment of additional taxes imposed pursu-  
20 ant to section fourteen hundred five-A of this article.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

22 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
23 sion, section, subpart or part of this act shall be adjudged by any  
24 court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not  
25 affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be  
26 confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-



1 sion, section, subpart or part thereof directly involved in the contro-  
2 versy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby  
3 declared to be the intent of the legislature that this act would have  
4 been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not been included here-  
5 in.

6 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that  
7 the applicable effective date of Subparts A through B of this act shall  
8 be as specifically set forth in the last section of such Subpart.

9 PART UU

10 Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 13-0331 of the environmental  
11 conservation law, as amended by chapter 243 of the laws of 2022, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 7. The department may, until December thirty-first, two thousand  
14 [twenty-four] twenty-nine, fix by regulation measures for the management  
15 of crabs of any kind including horseshoe crabs (*Limulus* sp.), including  
16 minimum and maximum size limits, catch and possession limits, open and  
17 closed seasons including lunar closures, closed areas, restrictions on  
18 the manner of taking and landing including a prohibition on the harvest  
19 of crabs in amplexus, requirements for permits and eligibility therefor,  
20 recordkeeping requirements, requirements on the amount and type of fish-  
21 ing effort and gear, and requirements relating to transportation,  
22 possession and sale, provided that such regulations are no less restric-  
23 tive than requirements set forth in this chapter and provided further  
24 that such regulations are consistent with the compliance requirements of  
25 applicable fishery management plans adopted by the Atlantic States  
26 Marine Fisheries Commission and with applicable provisions of fishery

1 management plans adopted pursuant to the Federal Fishery Conservation  
2 and Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1800 et seq.).

3 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

4 PART VV

5 Section 1. Expenditures of moneys by the New York state energy  
6 research and development authority for services and expenses of the  
7 energy research, development and demonstration program, including  
8 grants, the energy policy and planning program, and the Fuel NY program  
9 shall be subject to the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding the  
10 provisions of subdivision 4-a of section 18-a of the public service law,  
11 all moneys committed or expended in an amount not to exceed \$35,725,000  
12 shall be reimbursed by assessment against gas corporations, as defined  
13 in subdivision 11 of section 2 of the public service law and electric  
14 corporations as defined in subdivision 13 of section 2 of the public  
15 service law, where such gas corporations and electric corporations have  
16 gross revenues from intrastate utility operations in excess of \$500,000  
17 in the preceding calendar year, and the total amount assessed shall be  
18 allocated to each electric corporation and gas corporation in proportion  
19 to its intrastate electricity and gas revenues in the calendar year  
20 2023. Such amounts shall be excluded from the general assessment  
21 provisions of subdivision 2 of section 18-a of the public service law.  
22 The chair of the public service commission shall bill such gas and/or  
23 electric corporations for such amounts on or before August 10, 2025 and  
24 such amounts shall be paid to the New York state energy research and  
25 development authority on or before September 10, 2025. Upon receipt,  
26 the New York state energy research and development authority shall

1 deposit such funds in the energy research and development operating fund  
2 established pursuant to section 1859 of the public authorities law. The  
3 New York state energy research and development authority is authorized  
4 and directed to: (1) transfer up to \$4 million to the state general fund  
5 for climate change related services and expenses of the department of  
6 environmental conservation from the funds received; and (2) commencing  
7 in 2016, provide to the chair of the public service commission and the  
8 director of the budget and the chairs and secretaries of the legislative  
9 fiscal committees, on or before August first of each year, an itemized  
10 record, certified by the president and chief executive officer of the  
11 authority, or such chief executive officer's designee, detailing any and  
12 all expenditures and commitments ascribable to moneys received as a  
13 result of this assessment by the chair of the department of public  
14 service pursuant to section 18-a of the public service law. This item-  
15 ized record shall include an itemized breakdown of the programs being  
16 funded by this section and the amount committed to each program. The  
17 authority shall not commit for any expenditure, any moneys derived from  
18 the assessment provided for in this section, until the chair of such  
19 authority shall have submitted, and the director of the budget shall  
20 have approved, a comprehensive financial plan encompassing all moneys  
21 available to and all anticipated commitments and expenditures by such  
22 authority from any source for the operations of such authority. Copies  
23 of the approved comprehensive financial plan shall be immediately  
24 submitted by the chair to the chairs and secretaries of the legislative  
25 fiscal committees. Any such amount not committed by such authority to  
26 contracts or contracts to be awarded or otherwise expended by the  
27 authority during the fiscal year shall be refunded by such authority on  
28 a pro-rata basis to such gas and/or electric corporations, in a manner

1 to be determined by the department of public service, and any refund  
2 amounts must be explicitly lined out in the itemized record described  
3 above.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
5 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2025.

6 PART WW

7 Section 1. Section 103 of the abandoned property law is amended by  
8 adding a new subdivision (j) to read as follows:

9 (j) "Energy services company" or "ESCO" shall mean an entity eligible  
10 to sell energy services to end-use customers using the transmission or  
11 distribution system of a utility.

12 § 2. Subdivision (f) of section 103 of the abandoned property law, as  
13 amended by chapter 498 of the laws of 1944 and relettered by chapter 908  
14 of the laws of 1974, is amended to read as follows:

15 (f) "Utility services" means gas, electricity or steam supplied by a  
16 gas, electric, gas and electric or district steam corporation or an  
17 energy services company, telephone, telegraph or other service furnished  
18 by a telephone, telegraph or telegraph and telephone corporation, water  
19 supplied by a waterworks corporation, or appliances, equipment, instal-  
20 lations, fixtures or appurtenances rented by any such corporation or  
21 company.

22 § 3. Section 400 of the abandoned property law, the opening paragraph  
23 of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 498 of the laws of 1944, para-  
24 graphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 78 of the laws  
25 of 1976, and paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 833 of  
26 the laws of 1963, is amended to read as follows:

1 § 400. Unclaimed deposits and refunds for utility services. 1. The  
2 following unclaimed moneys held or owing by a gas corporation, an elec-  
3 tric corporation, a gas and electric corporation, a district steam  
4 corporation, an energy services company, a telegraph corporation, a  
5 telephone corporation, a telegraph and telephone corporation, or a  
6 waterworks corporation, shall be deemed abandoned property:

7 (a) Any deposit made by a consumer or subscriber with such a corpo-  
8 ration or company to secure the payment for utility services furnished  
9 by such corporation or company, or the amount of such deposit after  
10 deducting any sums due to such corporation or company by such consumer  
11 or subscriber, together with any interest due thereon, which shall have  
12 remained unclaimed by the person or persons appearing to be entitled  
13 thereto for two years after the termination of the utility services to  
14 secure the payment of which such deposit was made, or, if during such  
15 two year period utility services are furnished by such corporation or  
16 company to such consumer or subscriber and such deposit is held by such  
17 corporation or company to secure payment therefor, for two years after  
18 the termination of such utility services.

19 (b) Any amount paid by a consumer or subscriber to such a corporation  
20 or company in advance or in anticipation of utility services furnished  
21 or to be furnished by such corporation or company which in fact is not  
22 furnished, after deducting any sums due to such corporation or company  
23 by such consumer or subscriber for utility services in fact furnished,  
24 which shall have remained unclaimed by the person or persons appearing  
25 to be entitled thereto for two years after the termination of the utili-  
26 ty services for which such amount was paid in advance or in antic-  
27 ipation, or, if during such period utility services are furnished by  
28 such corporation or company to such consumer or subscriber and such

1 amount is applied to the payment in advance or in anticipation of such  
2 utility services, for two years after the termination of such utility  
3 services.

4 (c) The amount of any refund of excess or increased rates or charges  
5 heretofore or hereafter collected by any such corporation or company for  
6 utility services lawfully furnished by such corporation or company which  
7 has been or shall hereafter lawfully be ordered refunded to a consumer  
8 or other person or persons entitled thereto, together with any interest  
9 due thereon, less any lawful deductions, which shall have remained  
10 unclaimed by the person or persons entitled thereto for two years from  
11 the date it became payable in accordance with the final determination or  
12 order providing for such refund.

13 2. Any such abandoned property held or owing by such a corporation or  
14 company to which the right to receive the same is established to the  
15 satisfaction of such corporation or company shall cease to be deemed  
16 abandoned.

17 § 4. Subdivision 1 of section 402 of the abandoned property law, as  
18 amended by section 11 of part A of chapter 61 of the laws of 2011, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 1. Every such corporation or company shall cause to be published, on  
21 or before the first day of September in each year, a notice entitled:  
22 "NOTICE OF CERTAIN UNCLAIMED PROPERTY HELD BY (name of corporation or  
23 company)."

24 § 5. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 402 of the abandoned  
25 property law is amended to read as follows:

26 (a) that a report of unclaimed amounts of money or other property held  
27 or owing by it has been made to the state comptroller and that a list of  
28 the names of the person or persons appearing from the records of such

1 corporation or company to be entitled thereto is on file and open to  
2 public inspection at its principal office or place of business in any  
3 city, village or county where any such abandoned property is payable;

4 § 6. Subdivision 4 of section 402 of the abandoned property law is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 4. Such corporation or company shall file with the state comptroller  
7 on or before the tenth day of September in each year proof by affidavit  
8 of such publication.

9 § 7. Section 403 of the abandoned property law, as amended by section  
10 12 of part A of chapter 61 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 § 403. Payment of abandoned property. 1. In such succeeding month of  
13 October, and on or before the tenth day thereof, every such corporation  
14 or company shall pay to the state comptroller all property which, as of  
15 the first day of July next preceding, was deemed abandoned pursuant to  
16 section four hundred of this article, held or owing by such corporation  
17 or company.

18 2. Such payment shall be accompanied by a true and accurate report  
19 setting forth such information as the state comptroller may require  
20 relating to such abandoned property including:

21 (a) as to abandoned property specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of  
22 subdivision one of section four hundred of this article:

23 (i) the name and last known address of each depositor or subscriber  
24 appearing from the records of such corporation or company to be entitled  
25 to receive any such abandoned property;

26 (ii) the date when the deposit was made or amount paid;

27 (iii) the amount of such deposit or payment;

1 (iv) the date when utility services furnished to such consumer or  
2 subscriber ceased;

3 (v) any sums due and unpaid to the corporation or company by such  
4 consumer or subscriber, with interest thereon from the date of termi-  
5 nation of service;

6 (vi) the amount of interest due upon such deposit or payment on any  
7 balance thereof that has remained with such corporation or company and  
8 not been credited to such consumer's or subscriber's account;

9 (vii) the amount of such abandoned property; and

10 (viii) such other identifying information as the state comptroller may  
11 require.

12 (b) as to abandoned property specified in paragraph (c) of subdivision  
13 one of section four hundred of this article:

14 (i) the name and last known address of each person appearing from the  
15 records of such corporation or company to be entitled to receive the  
16 same;

17 (ii) the amount appearing from such records to be due each such  
18 person;

19 (iii) the date payment became due; and

20 (iv) such other identifying information as the state comptroller may  
21 require.

22 3. Such report shall be in such form and the abandoned property listed  
23 shall be classified in such manner as the state comptroller may  
24 prescribe. Names of persons entitled to such abandoned property appear-  
25 ing in such report shall be listed in alphabetical order within each  
26 such classification.

27 § 8. This act shall take effect immediately.



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## PART XX

2 Section 1. Expenditures of moneys appropriated to the department of  
3 agriculture and markets from the special revenue funds-other/state oper-  
4 ations, miscellaneous special revenue fund-339, public service account  
5 shall be subject to the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding any  
6 other provision of law to the contrary, direct and indirect expenses  
7 relating to the department of agriculture and markets' participation in  
8 general ratemaking proceedings pursuant to section 65 of the public  
9 service law or certification proceedings or permits issued pursuant to  
10 article 7, 8, or 10 of the public service law, shall be deemed expenses  
11 of the department of public service within the meaning of section 18-a  
12 of the public service law.

13 § 2. Expenditures of moneys appropriated to the department of state  
14 from the special revenue funds-other/state operations, miscellaneous  
15 special revenue fund-339, public service account shall be subject to the  
16 provisions of this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law  
17 to the contrary, direct and indirect expenses relating to the activities  
18 of the department of state's utility intervention unit pursuant to  
19 subdivision 4 of section 94-a of the executive law, including, but not  
20 limited to participation in general ratemaking proceedings pursuant to  
21 section 65 of the public service law or certification proceedings or  
22 permits issued pursuant to article 7, 8, or 10 of the public service  
23 law, shall be deemed expenses of the department of public service within  
24 the meaning of section 18-a of the public service law.

25 § 3. Expenditures of moneys appropriated to the office of parks,  
26 recreation and historic preservation from the special revenue funds-  
27 other/state operations, miscellaneous special revenue fund-339, public

1 service account shall be subject to the provisions of this section.  
2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, direct and  
3 indirect expenses relating to the office of parks, recreation and  
4 historic preservation's participation in general ratemaking proceedings  
5 pursuant to section 65 of the public service law or certification  
6 proceedings or permits issued pursuant to article 7, 8, or 10 of the  
7 public service law, shall be deemed expenses of the department of public  
8 service within the meaning of section 18-a of the public service law.

9 § 4. Expenditures of moneys appropriated to the department of environ-  
10 mental conservation from the special revenue funds-other/state oper-  
11 ations, environmental conservation special revenue fund-301, utility  
12 environmental regulation account shall be subject to the provisions of  
13 this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contra-  
14 ry, direct and indirect expenses relating to the department of environ-  
15 mental conservation's participation in state energy policy proceedings,  
16 or certification proceedings or permits issued pursuant to article 7, 8,  
17 or 10 of the public service law, shall be deemed expenses of the depart-  
18 ment of public service within the meaning of section 18-a of the public  
19 service law.

20 § 5. Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the contra-  
21 ry, expenses of the department of health public service education  
22 program incurred pursuant to appropriations from the cable television  
23 account of the state miscellaneous special revenue funds shall be deemed  
24 expenses of the department of public service.

25 § 6. Any expense deemed to be expenses of the department of public  
26 service pursuant to sections one through four of this act shall not be  
27 recovered through assessments imposed upon telephone corporations as  
28 defined in subdivision 17 of section 2 of the public service law.

1 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
2 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2025 and shall  
3 expire and be deemed repealed April 1, 2030.

4 PART YY

5 Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 765 of the general  
6 business law, as amended by section 6 of part X of chapter 57 of the  
7 laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

8 a. Failure to comply with any provision of this article shall subject  
9 an excavator or an operator to a civil penalty of up to [two thousand  
10 five hundred] five thousand dollars for the first violation and up to an  
11 additional [ten] twenty thousand dollars for each succeeding violation  
12 that occurs within a twelve month period.

13 § 2. Paragraph c of subdivision 1 of section 765 of the general busi-  
14 ness law, as amended by chapter 445 of the laws of 1995, is amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 c. An action to recover a penalty under this article may be brought in  
17 the supreme court in the judicial district in which the violation was  
18 alleged to have occurred which shall be commenced and prosecuted by the  
19 attorney general. The public service commission shall, pursuant to  
20 section one hundred nineteen-b of the public service law, forward to the  
21 attorney general its determination of the amount of the penalty for  
22 violations or rules and regulations adopted to implement the require-  
23 ments of this article. Upon receipt of such determination, the attorney  
24 general may commence an action to recover such penalty. All moneys  
25 recovered in any such action, together with the costs thereof, and all  
26 moneys recovered as the result of any such public service commis-

1 sion determination shall be paid into the [state treasury to the credit  
2 of the general fund] environmental protection fund established pursuant  
3 to section ninety-two-s of the state finance law.

4 § 3. Subdivision 3 of section 92-s of the state finance law, as  
5 amended by chapter 734 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 3. Such fund shall consist of the amount of revenue collected within  
8 the state from the amount of revenue, interest and penalties deposited  
9 pursuant to section fourteen hundred twenty-one of the tax law, the  
10 amount of fees and penalties received from easements or leases pursuant  
11 to subdivision fourteen of section seventy-five of the public lands law  
12 and the money received as annual service charges pursuant to section  
13 four hundred four-n of the vehicle and traffic law, all moneys required  
14 to be deposited therein from the contingency reserve fund pursuant to  
15 section two hundred ninety-four of chapter fifty-seven of the laws of  
16 nineteen hundred ninety-three, all moneys required to be deposited  
17 pursuant to section thirteen of chapter six hundred ten of the laws of  
18 nineteen hundred ninety-three, repayments of loans made pursuant to  
19 section 54-0511 of the environmental conservation law, all moneys to be  
20 deposited from the Northville settlement pursuant to section one hundred  
21 twenty-four of chapter three hundred nine of the laws of nineteen  
22 hundred ninety-six, provided however, that such moneys shall only be  
23 used for the cost of the purchase of private lands in the core area of  
24 the central Suffolk pine barrens pursuant to a consent order with the  
25 Northville industries signed on October thirteenth, nineteen hundred  
26 ninety-four and the related resource restoration and replacement plan,  
27 the amount of penalties required to be deposited therein by section  
28 71-2724 of the environmental conservation law, all moneys required to be

1 deposited pursuant to article thirty-three of the environmental conser-  
2 vation law, all fees collected pursuant to subdivision eight of section  
3 70-0117 of the environmental conservation law, all moneys collected  
4 pursuant to title thirty-three of article fifteen of the environmental  
5 conservation law, beginning with the fiscal year commencing on April  
6 first, two thousand thirteen, nineteen million dollars, and all fiscal  
7 years thereafter, twenty-three million dollars plus all funds received  
8 by the state each fiscal year in excess of the greater of the amount  
9 received from April first, two thousand twelve through March thirty-  
10 first, two thousand thirteen or one hundred twenty-two million two  
11 hundred thousand dollars, from the payments collected pursuant to subdi-  
12 vision four of section 27-1012 of the environmental conservation law and  
13 all funds collected pursuant to section 27-1015 of the environmental  
14 conservation law, all moneys required to be deposited pursuant to  
15 sections 27-2805 and 27-2807 of the environmental conservation law, all  
16 moneys collected pursuant to section 71-2730 of the environmental  
17 conservation law, all moneys required to be deposited pursuant to  
18 section seven hundred sixty-five of the general business law, all moneys  
19 required to be deposited pursuant to section 27-3205 of the environ-  
20 mental conservation law, and all other moneys credited or transferred  
21 thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law. All such revenue  
22 shall be initially deposited into the environmental protection fund, for  
23 application as provided in subdivision five of this section.

24 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
25 the amendments to paragraph c of subdivision 1 of section 765 of the  
26 general business law made by section two of this act shall take effect  
27 on the same date as the reversion of such paragraph as provided in  
28 section 4 of chapter 522 of the laws of 2000, as amended.

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## PART ZZ

2 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 314 of the tax law, as amended  
3 by chapter 190 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) General.--Except in accordance with proper judicial order or as  
5 otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful for any tax commission-  
6 er, any officer or employee of the department of taxation and finance,  
7 or any person who, pursuant to this section, is permitted to inspect any  
8 return, or to whom any information contained in any return is furnished,  
9 or any person engaged or retained by such department on an independent  
10 contract basis, or any person who in any manner may acquire knowledge of  
11 the contents of a return filed pursuant to this article, to divulge or  
12 make known in any manner the amount of income or gross receipts or any  
13 particulars set forth or disclosed in any return under this article. The  
14 officers charged with the custody of such returns shall not be required  
15 to produce any of them or evidence of anything contained in them in any  
16 action or proceeding in any court, except on behalf of the state or the  
17 commissioner of taxation and finance in an action or proceeding under  
18 the provisions of this chapter or in any other action or proceeding  
19 involving the collection of a tax due under this chapter to which the  
20 state or the commissioner is a party or a claimant, or on behalf of any  
21 party to any action or proceeding under the provisions of this article  
22 when the returns or facts shown thereby are directly involved in such  
23 action or proceeding, in any of which events the court may require the  
24 production of, and may admit in evidence, so much of said returns or of  
25 the facts shown thereby as are pertinent to the action or proceeding and  
26 no more. The commissioner may, nevertheless, publish a copy or a summary  
27 of any determination or decision rendered after the formal hearing

1 provided for in this chapter. Nothing herein shall be construed to  
2 prohibit the delivery to a petroleum business or its duly authorized  
3 representative of a copy of any return filed by it, nor to prohibit the  
4 publication of statistics so classified as to prevent the identification  
5 of particular returns and the items thereof, or the disclosure of data  
6 other than taxpayer identity information from a return or returns of one  
7 or more petroleum or fossil fuel businesses to the department of envi-  
8 ronmental conservation or the New York state energy research and devel-  
9 opment authority for the purpose of implementing the climate leadership  
10 and community protection act, chapter one hundred six of the laws of two  
11 thousand nineteen, promulgation of regulations thereunder, and achieve-  
12 ment of the statewide greenhouse gas emission limits, as defined and  
13 established in article seventy-five of the environmental conservation  
14 law, or the publication of delinquent lists showing the names of petro-  
15 leum businesses who have failed to pay their taxes at the time and in  
16 the manner provided by section three hundred eight of this article  
17 together with any relevant information which in the opinion of the  
18 commissioner may assist in the collection of such delinquent taxes; or  
19 the inspection by the attorney general or other legal representatives of  
20 the state of the return of any petroleum business which shall bring  
21 action to set aside or review the tax based thereon, or against whom an  
22 action or proceeding under this chapter has been recommended by the  
23 commissioner or the attorney general or has been instituted; or the  
24 inspection of the returns of any petroleum business by the comptroller  
25 or duly designated officer or employee of the state department of audit  
26 and control, for purposes of the audit of a refund of any tax paid by  
27 such petroleum business under this article. Provided, further, nothing  
28 herein shall be construed to prohibit the disclosure of taxpayer identi-

1 ty information, including name, mailing address and taxpayer identifying  
2 number (social security account number, or such other number as has been  
3 assigned by the secretary of the United States treasury or [his] such  
4 secretary's delegate, or by the commissioner of taxation and finance),  
5 with respect to persons who are registered as residual petroleum product  
6 or aviation fuel businesses under this article or as distributors of  
7 motor fuel or diesel motor fuel or kero-jet fuel only for the purpose of  
8 article twelve-A of this chapter or this article, whose registration as  
9 a residual petroleum product business or as such distributor has been  
10 cancelled or suspended pursuant to this article or such article twelve-A  
11 or whose application for registration as a residual petroleum product  
12 business or as such distributor has been refused pursuant to this arti-  
13 cle or such article twelve-A. In addition, the commissioner may disclose  
14 the fact that a person is not registered as a residual petroleum busi-  
15 ness under this article or as a distributor of motor fuel, diesel motor  
16 fuel or kero-jet fuel only under article twelve-A of this chapter.  
17 Information disclosed pursuant to this subdivision shall not, by itself,  
18 be construed as proof of compliance or noncompliance with the provisions  
19 of this chapter.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

21 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
22 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
23 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
24 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
25 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
26 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
27 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of



1 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
2 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

3 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that  
4 the applicable effective date of Parts A through ZZ of this act shall be  
5 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.