

**HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF INTERSECTIONS AT WHICH TRAFFIC-CONTROL SIGNAL PHOTO VIOLATION-MONITORING DEVICES MAY BE INSTALLED (SENATE BILL S.4197/ASSEMBLY BILL A.6751)**

**WHEREAS**, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 20% of drivers do not obey intersection signals; and,

**WHEREAS**, 165,000 people are injured annually by red-light runners, and red light running crashes result in almost 1,000 fatalities in the US each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to a recent report by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, red light cameras prevented 159 deaths between 2004 and 2008 in 14 of the largest cities in the U.S., and 815 deaths would have been prevented had cameras been operating in all U.S. cities with a population of over 200,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the vehicle and traffic law currently authorizes the County to conduct a demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with traffic-control indications, and under said program there is authority to install and operate traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring devices at no more than fifty intersections; and

**WHEREAS**, said demonstration program is currently underway, with 100 cameras recording red light violations at 50 intersections across the County; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislature finds that public safety would be served by authorizing the installation and operation of such devices at an additional fifty intersections; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby requests the State of New York to enact Assembly Bill A.6751 and Senate Bill S.4197, an act to amend the vehicle and traffic law to increase the number of intersections at which traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring devices may be installed from 50 intersections to 100 intersections; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate Dean Skelos; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly Sheldon Silver; to the Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; and to each member of the Long Island delegation to the New York State Legislature.

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