

Home Rule Message No. 4-2010

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Introduced by Presiding Officer Lindsay and Legislators Browning, Losquadro, Eddington, Montano, Muratore

HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING NEW YORK LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW AND THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW, IN RELATION TO ESTABLISHING A TRAFFIC AND PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK (ASSEMBLY BILL A.8471 AND SENATE BILL S.5862)

WHEREAS, the growing number of traffic and parking infractions in Suffolk County has led to a backlog of such cases in the County's district courts; and

WHEREAS, the strain and backlog on the district courts means that many of these traffic and parking summonses go unanswered and unpaid; and

WHEREAS, villages, cities and towns throughout the State are authorized to establish a separate traffic violations bureau to assist in the disposition of infractions related to traffic and parking violations, and such a traffic violations agency has been established in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, establishing a traffic violations agency in Suffolk County will ease the burden on the district courts and speed the disposition of traffic and parking violations; and

WHEREAS, there is legislation pending in the New York State Legislature that would permit the County of Suffolk to establish, by local law, a traffic and parking violations bureau to assist the district court in the disposition of traffic and parking infractions; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby requests the State of New York to enact Assembly Bill No. A.8471 and Senate Bill No. S.5682 for the purpose of establishing a traffic and parking violations agency in Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor David A. Paterson; to the Minority Leader of the New York State Senate Pedro Espada, Jr., 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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