

HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING NEW YORK LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW AND THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW TO CREATE A TRAFFIC AND PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY IN SUFFOLK COUNTY (ASSEMBLY BILL A.9539-D AND SENATE BILL S.5634-F)

WHEREAS, in the area of the County served by the District Court, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles currently adjudicates non-criminal traffic infractions under the authority of section 225-a of the Vehicle and Traffic Law; and

WHEREAS, villages, cities and towns throughout the State are authorized to establish an independent traffic violations bureau to assist local courts in the disposition of infractions related to traffic and parking violations; and

WHEREAS, a traffic violations agency has been established in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, establishing a traffic violations agency in Suffolk County will assist the district court and speed the disposition of traffic and parking violations; and

WHEREAS, there is legislation pending in the New York State Legislature with an effective date of April 1, 2013 that would authorize the County of Suffolk to establish, by local law, a Traffic and Parking Violations Agency to assist the district court in the disposition of traffic and parking infractions; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk Agency must also be operational no later than the effective date of the authorizing State legislation due to the expiration of the Department's authority to continue to adjudicate traffic infractions as of April 1, 2013; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby requests the State of New York to enact Assembly Bill No. A.9539-D and Senate Bill No. S.5634-F 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 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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