

WITHDRAWN AS OF 2/26/2014

Home Rule Message No. 3-2014
Introduced by Legislator Schneiderman

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HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, IN RELATION TO ESTABLISHING A DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM TO ENFORCE SPEED LIMITS BY MEANS OF SPEED LIMIT PHOTO DEVICES (ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A.6653)

WHEREAS, speeding motorists are a danger to themselves, their passengers, other motorists, pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, excessive speed is often a major factor in causing accidents which result in injuries or death; and

WHEREAS, technology now exists which photographically captures vehicles that travel in excess of the maximum speed limit; this technology is being used in Utah, California, Arizona and Canada to detect and punish speeding motorists and to deter this dangerous behavior; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk has successfully employed right light cameras to reduce red light running within the County; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the New York State Legislature that would authorize the County of Suffolk to establish a demonstration program to enforce speed limits by means of speed limit photo devices; and

WHEREAS, this State legislation would allow Suffolk County to operate speed limit photo devices at 50 locations and to hold the owners of speeding vehicles liable for a monetary penalty; and

WHEREAS, enactment of this program in Suffolk County would reduce the incidence of speeding and make Suffolk County's roadways safer; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby requests the State of New York to enact Assembly Bill No. A.6653 to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law and authorize the County of Suffolk to establish a demonstration program to enforce maximum speed limits by means of speed limit photo devices; 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.

DATED: