

# 2025-196

HOME RULE REQUEST RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-2025

RESOLVED, that the Westchester County Board of Legislators approves the making of a Home Rule Request in the following format:

*To the Legislature:*

Pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution, the County of Westchester requests the enactment of Assembly Bill No. 8029/Senate Bill No. 7422 entitled "AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the operation of traffic control signal photo violation monitoring devices in certain intersections in the county of Westchester."

A necessity exists for the enactment of this legislation because the local government does not have the power to enact such legislation by local law.

Dated: May 5, 2025  
White Plains, New York

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COMMITTEES ON

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Public Safety

Dated: May 5, 2025  
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*The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.*

*Emiliana May*

**COMMITTEE ON**

Legislation

# STATE OF NEW YORK

7422

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

April 15, 2025

Introduced by Sen. STEWART-COUSINS -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the operation of traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring devices in certain intersections in the county of Westchester

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 1111-g of the  
2 vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 501 of the laws of 2023, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the county of Westches-  
5 ter is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and amend a local law or  
6 ordinance establishing a demonstration program imposing monetary liabil-  
7 ity on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to  
8 comply with traffic-control indications in such county in accordance  
9 with the provisions of this section. Such demonstration program shall  
10 empower such county to install and operate traffic-control signal photo  
11 violation-monitoring devices at no more than fifty intersections within  
12 and under the jurisdiction of such county at any one time. Provided  
13 that, in addition to the fifty intersections within and under its juris-  
14 isdiction, such county may install and operate traffic-control signal  
15 photo violation-monitoring devices on intersections located on the  
16 portion of the Saw Mill River parkway within such county that is in the  
17 village of Pleasantville, upon agreement with the commissioner of the  
18 state department of transportation or such commissioner's designee.

19 § 2. Subdivision 13 of section 1803 of the vehicle and traffic law,  
20 as added by chapter 501 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 13. Where the county of Westchester has established a demonstration  
23 program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for fail-  
24 ure of an operator thereof to comply with subdivision (d) of section

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 eleven hundred eleven of this chapter in accordance with section eleven  
2 hundred eleven-g of this chapter, any fine or penalty collected by a  
3 court, judge, magistrate or other officer for an imposition of liability  
4 which occurs within a city, town or village within such county pursuant  
5 to such program shall be paid to the state comptroller within the first  
6 ten days of the month following collection, except as otherwise provided  
7 in subdivision three of section ninety-nine-a of the state finance law.  
8 Every such payment shall be accompanied by a statement in such form and  
9 detail as the comptroller shall provide. The comptroller shall pay  
10 eighty percent of any such fine or penalty imposed for such liability to  
11 the county of Westchester, and twenty percent of any such fine or penal-  
12 ty to the city, town or village in which the violation giving rise to  
13 the liability occurred, provided, however that the comptroller shall pay  
14 one hundred percent of any such fine or penalty imposed for such liabil-  
15 ity to the county of Westchester for violations which occur on the Saw  
16 Mill River parkway within the village of Pleasantville. All fines,  
17 penalties and forfeitures paid to a city, town or village pursuant to  
18 the provisions of this subdivision shall be credited to the general fund  
19 of such city, town or village, unless a different disposition is  
20 prescribed by charter, special law, local law or ordinance.

21 § 3. The county of Westchester and commissioner of the state depart-  
22 ment of transportation are hereby authorized and empowered to install  
23 signage that notifies drivers of the presence of traffic-control signal  
24 photo violation-monitoring devices in conformance with standards estab-  
25 lished in the manual on uniform traffic control devices. The county and  
26 such commissioner are additionally authorized and empowered to engage in  
27 a public information campaign before traffic-control signal photo viola-  
28 tion-monitoring devices go into effect on state roads to ensure drivers  
29 have appropriate notice and understanding of the demonstration program.

30 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amend-  
31 ments to sections 1111-g and 1803 of the vehicle and traffic law made by  
32 sections one and two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such  
33 provisions and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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8029

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

April 22, 2025

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Introduced by M. of A. SHIMSKY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

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11 violation-monitoring devices at no more than fifty intersections within  
12 and under the jurisdiction of such county at any one time. **Provided**  
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15 **photo violation-monitoring devices on intersections located on the**  
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**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY  
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION  
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)**

**BILL NUMBER:** A8029

**SPONSOR:** Shimsky

**TITLE OF BILL:**

An act to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the operation of traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring devices in certain intersections in the county of Westchester

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the County of Westchester to implement a red-light camera program on certain intersections of the Saw Mill River Parkway located in the Village of Pleasantville, so long as the County reaches an agreement to do so with the Commissioner of the State Department of Transportation.

**SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:**

Section 1 of the bill amends the vehicle and traffic law to authorize Westchester County to operate a red-light camera program at intersections on the Saw Mill River Parkway in the Village of Pleasantville, so long as the County comes to an agreement with the Commissioner of the State Department of Transportation regarding the program. These additional intersections on the Saw Mill River Parkway would not count toward the existing limit on the number of intersections the County is authorized to operate red-light cameras at any time.

Section 2 amends the vehicle and traffic law to state that the Comptroller shall pay one hundred percent of any fine collected from a red-light camera program at intersections on the Saw Mill River Parkway in the Village of Pleasantville to Westchester County.

Section 3 authorizes Westchester County and the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation to install signs on the Saw Mill River



Parkway notifying drivers that red-light cameras are installed at certain intersections of the State-owned road. Additionally, this section authorizes Westchester County and the Commissioner of the Department of Education to run a public information campaign before the red-light cameras are used for fines to prepare drivers for the changes at these intersections.

Section 4 is the effective date.

#### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Grant Street intersection of the Saw Mill River Parkway, located in the Village of Pleasantville, has experienced an uptick of drivers moving through red lights. This uptick has caused at least seventy accidents in the past eleven years, including twenty-seven accidents in 2019. Red-light camera programs have been effective in other jurisdictions in reducing accidents and reckless driving and increasing the safety of pedestrians. Westchester County seeks the State's permission to implement a red-light camera system at the Grant Street intersection, once it has come to an agreement with the Commissioner of the State Department of Transportation, in order to dissuade drivers of unsafe driving habits.

#### **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

This is a new bill.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

To be determined.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amendments to sections 1111-g and 1803 of the vehicle and traffic law made by sections one and two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such provisions and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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