SENATE BILL 395
49th legislature - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRSt SESSIon, 2009
INTRODUCED BY
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AN ACT
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR A RAILROAD-HIGHWAY GRADE CROSSING VIOLATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
Section l. Section 66-8-116 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 524, as amended) is amended to read:
"66-8-116. PENALTY ASSESSMENT MISDEMEANORS--DEFINITION--SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS.--
A. As used in the Motor Vehicle Code, "penalty assessment misdemeanor" means violation of any of the following listed sections of the NMSA 1978 for which, except as provided in Subsections $D$ and $E$ of this section, the listed penalty assessment is established:

COMMON NAME OF OFFENSE SECTION VIOLATED PENALTY
ASSESSMENT
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Permitting unlicensed
minor to drive 66-5-40
Failure to obey sign 66-7-104
$\$ 10.00$ 10.00

Failure to obey signal
66-7-105 10.00

Speeding
(1) up to and including ten miles an hour over the speed limit 15.00
(2) from eleven up to and including fifteen miles an hour over the speed limit 30.00
(3) from sixteen up to and including twenty miles an hour over the speed limit 65.00
(4) from twenty-one up to and including twenty-five miles an hour over the speed limit
(5) from twenty-six up to and including thirty miles an hour over the speed limit
(6) from thirty-one up to
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and including thirty-five miles an hour over the speed limit
(7) more than thirty-five miles an hour over the speed limit

Unfastened safety belt 66-7-372
200.00
25.00

Child not in restraint device or seat belt

66-7-369
25.00
10.00
15.00
10.00
10.00
10.00
10.00
10.00

Improper lane 66-7-316
10.00

Improper lane
66-7-319
10.00

Improper passing 66-7-309 through 66-7-312 10.00
Improper passing 66-7-315 10.00
Controlled access violation

Controlled access
violation 66-7-321
10.00

Improper turning 66-7-322
10.00
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| Improper turning | 66-7-323 | 10.00 |
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| Improper turning | 66-7-325 | 10.00 |
| Following too closely | 66-7-318 | 10.00 |
| Failure to yield | 66-7-328 through 66-7-331 | 10.00 |
| Failure to yield | 66-7-332 | 50.00 |
| Failure to yield | 66-7-332.1 | 25.00 |
| Pedestrian violation | 66-7-333 | 10.00 |
| Pedestrian violation | 66-7-340 | 10.00 |
| Failure to stop | 66-7-342 and 66-7-344 |  |
|  | through 66-7-346 | 10.00 |
| Railroad-highway grade |  |  |
| crossing violation | 66-7-341 and 66-7-343 | [10.00] 150.00 |
| Passing school bus | 66-7-347 | 100.00 |
| Failure to signal | 66-7-325 through 66-7-327 | 10.00 |
| Failure to secure load | 66-7-407 | 100.00 |
| Operation without oversize- |  |  |
| overweight permit | 66-7-413 | 50.00 |
| Improper equipment | 66-3-801 | 10.00 |
| Improper equipment | 66-3-901 | 20.00 |
| Improper emergency |  |  |
| signal | 66-3-853 through 66-3-857 | 10.00 |
| Operation interference | 66-7-357 | 5.00 |
| Littering | 66-7-364 | 300.00 |
| Improper parking | 66-7-349 through 66-7-352 |  |
|  | and 66-7-353 | 5.00 |

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| Improper parking | $66-3-852$ | 5.00 |
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| Failure to dim lights | $66-3-831$ | 10.00 |
| Riding in or towing |  | 5.00 |
| occupied house trailer |  |  |
| Improper opening of doors | $66-7-366$ |  |
| No slow-moving vehicle | $66-7-367$ |  |
| emblem or flashing |  |  |
| amber light | $66-3-887$ |  |
| Open container - first |  |  |
| violation | $66-8-138$ | 5.00 |

B. The term "penalty assessment misdemeanor" does not include a violation that has caused or contributed to the cause of an accident resulting in injury or death to a person.
C. When an alleged violator of a penalty assessment misdemeanor elects to accept a notice to appear in lieu of a notice of penalty assessment, a fine imposed upon later conviction shall not exceed the penalty assessment established for the particular penalty assessment misdemeanor and probation imposed upon a suspended or deferred sentence shall not exceed ninety days.
D. The penalty assessment for speeding in violation of Paragraph (4) of Subsection A of Section 66-7-301 NMSA 1978 is twice the penalty assessment established in Subsection A of this section for the equivalent miles per hour over the speed limit.
E. Upon a second conviction for operation without a
permit for excessive size or weight pursuant to Section 66-7-413 NMSA 1978, the penalty assessment shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). Upon a third or subsequent conviction, the penalty assessment shall be five hundred dollars (\$500)."

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