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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the use and sale of software for GPS systems that can alert drivers to red-light cameras or police check points.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter one of title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 10-168 to read as follows:

§10-168 Prohibition on the use and sale of certain software for GPS systems. a. For the purposes of this section, “GPS” shall mean a global positioning system that uses satellites to transmit information to receivers in motor vehicles to identify specific locations in a geographic area.

b. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any software for GPS systems that is capable of alerting and informing the user as to the location of a red-light camera or the location of a police checkpoint.

c. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer or display for sale, or cause any other person to sell, offer or display for sale any software for GPS systems that is capable of alerting and informing the user as to the location of a red-light camera or the location of a police checkpoint.

d. (1) Any person who violates subdivision b of this section shall be liable for a fine of one hundred dollars.

(2) Any person who violates subdivision c of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for the first violation, not less than one thousand dollars nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars for the second violation and not less than two thousand five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars for the third and each subsequent violation.

(3) Each sale, offer or display for sale of software for GPS systems in violation of subdivision c of this section shall be deemed a separate violation and a separate civil penalty shall be imposed for each such violation. A proceeding to recover any civil penalty pursuant to section c shall be commenced by the service of a notice of hearing that shall be returnable to the administrative tribunal of the department of consumer affairs.

e. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the police department and the department of consumer affairs.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon its enactment into law.

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