



# Department of Motor Vehicles

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TO: DENNERS GARAGE  
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SUBJECT: Chapter 527 of the Laws of 2021  
(Exhaust Equipment Violations and Penalties)

**Effective April 1, 2022**, the Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) is amended by Chapter 527 of the Laws of 2021, in relation to exhaust equipment violations and penalties.

This amendment accomplishes two purposes. First, the prohibitions against illegal muffler and exhaust system modifications are made more comprehensive. Secondly, the penalties for violations are increased.

Essentially, it is a violation to sell, offer for sale, install or modify a motor vehicle muffler or exhaust system, including any component or device thereof, if it causes the exhaust noise to be louder than the original equipment muffler and exhaust system.

A violation of VTL §375 (31)(b), (31-a) or (31-b) may result in: (1) a fine up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for up to 30 days; and, (2) revocation/suspension of the motor vehicle repair shop registration or estimator's license and/or a civil penalty not to exceed \$750 for a first violation.

A copy of Chapter 527 of the Laws of 2021 is attached for your information and reference.

If you have any questions regarding these changes to the VTL, please contact the Technical Services Unit by telephone at (518) 474-5282 (select option #4).

Please share this information with all appropriate staff. Thank you.

Mark J.F. Schroeder  
Commissioner

Attachment