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TO: **ALL TOWN AND VILLAGE JUSTICES and CLERKS
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FROM: **OFFICE OF JUSTICE COURT SUPPORT**

RE: **Amended Regulations 131.3(b) and 131.4(a)-(c)**

As a courtesy, we are providing you with the attached DMV Memo which contains some helpful information for timely enforcement of state vehicle and traffic laws. For additional information, please see the attached guidance that went out by our office on January 22, 2026, regarding these changes.

If you have already received this Memo from DMV, you may disregard this email.

Thank you,

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Albany, New York

January 30, 2026

TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Amended Regulations 131.3(b) and 131.4(a)-(c) Regarding Changes to Point Values Assigned for Certain Violations of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and Administrative Action

Pursuant to DMV's adoption of regulatory amendments on November 6, 2024, and public notice published in the State Register on January 14, 2026, point values assigned to certain violations of the Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) have changed and will be enforceable beginning on February 16, 2026.

15 NYCRR §131.3(c) states, “Point values assessed shall be assessed as of the date of violation.”

Hence, violations committed on or after February 16, 2026 are subject to the new point values, while violations committed on or before February 15, 2026 are subject to the former point values.

In addition, the calculation used to determine persistent violator status will also change beginning February 16, 2026. Pursuant to amended 15 NYCRR §131.4, DMV is increasing the “look-back” period during which DMV may take administrative action regarding persistent violation of the Vehicle and Traffic Law from 18 months to 24 months.

Among the regulatory changes to the point value system for VTL violations are the following (see next page):

Offense	VTL Section	Old Points (Violations Occurring on or Before February 15, 2026)	New Points (Violations Occurring on or After February 16, 2026)
DWI / DWAI / Aggravated DWI / DWAI Drugs	§1192	0	11
Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1 st , 2 nd , or 3 rd	§511	0	11
Overtaking or Passing a Stopped School Bus	§1174	5	8
Speed in a Construction Zone	§1180(f)	Based on Speed	8
Over-Height Vehicles	§385(2), (14)	0	8
Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident	§600(2)	3	5
Failure to Exercise Due Care	§1146	2	5
Facilitating Aggravated Unlicensed Operation	§511-a	0	5
Speed Contests and Races	§1182	0	5

Note: Violations of Vehicle and Traffic Law §509 shall continue to have zero points assigned.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

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Commissioner