



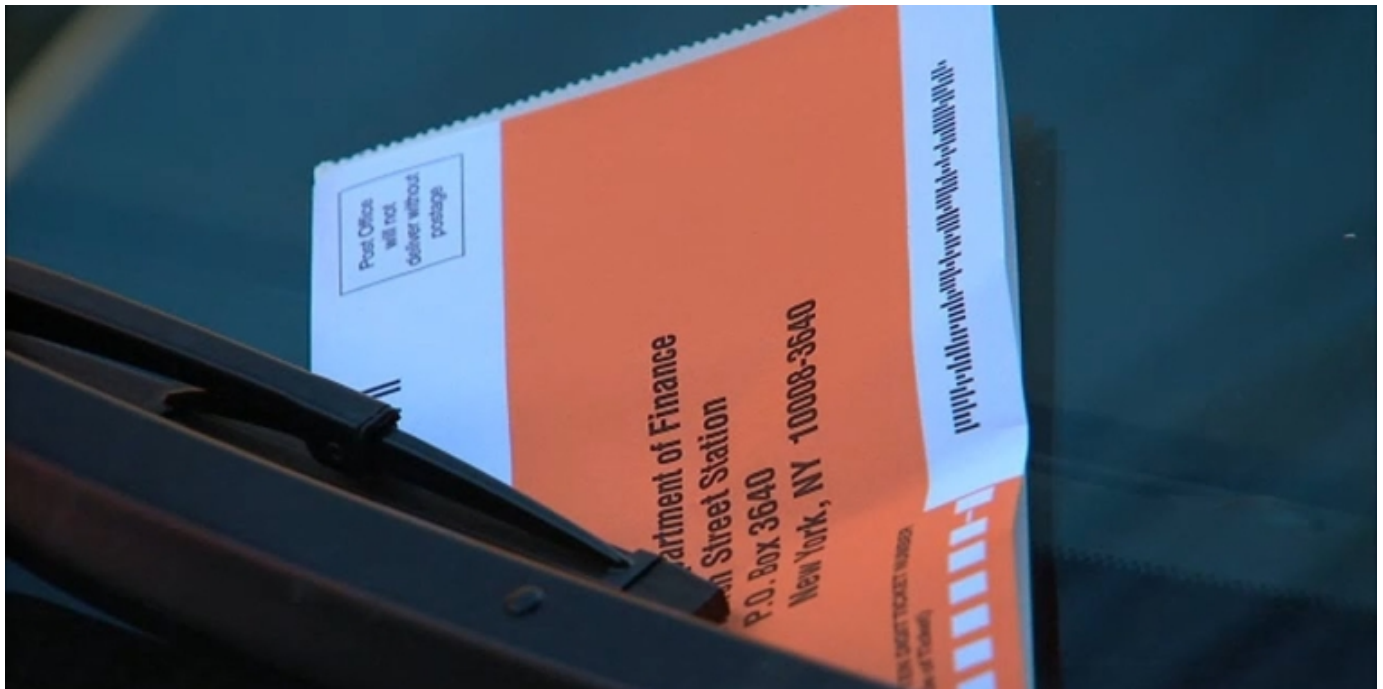
NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Simcha Felder

## FELDER \$TOP\$ GOTCHA! TICKETS, AGAIN

SIMCHA FELDER January 20, 2023

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Brooklyn, NY - This week, the New York State Senate passed legislation (S-1242) sponsored by Senator Simcha Felder (D-Brooklyn) that protects New Yorkers from hefty *gotcha* fines for expired inspection stickers. The law will require the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide drivers with advance notice of their upcoming annual vehicle inspection date requirement *and* provide a five-day grace period before a ticket may be issued.

Currently, the DMV does not provide any notice to motorists regarding their vehicle inspection. The parking fines for expired inspection sticker tickets contribute to over \$565

million in revenue to NYC. Under the new law, DMV would notify drivers via postal mail or e-mail thirty days before their vehicle inspection sticker is set to expire.

“For hardworking New Yorkers, these *GOTCHA* tickets are infuriating! I am proud to continue my legacy that began with my first bill ever signed into law creating the 5-minute grace period for parking meter tickets. NYers are not a cash cow,” **said Senator Felder.**

**Rachel N.** in a call to Senator Felder’s office said, “I got a ticket for expired inspection on a Saturday and the inspection station I trust was closed on Sunday. I was so upset that I made this expensive mistake, but even worse was watching my husband worry about getting another ticket before we could get an inspection. A notice in advance would save such a headache!”

After passing Senator Felder’s bill, for the third time in recent years, the Senate sent it to the Assembly, where it has previously stalled.

“Every business that expects payment from a customer sends an invoice and New Yorkers deserve no less from their government agencies. Give people a fair warning, with a pinch of grace, and they will get it done without always reaching into their wallet first,” **said Senator Felder.**

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### 2023-S1242

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Requires notification of impending expiration of vehicle inspection

January 10, 2023

In Assembly Committee

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Do you support this bill?