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Summary of Res. 0854-2025: Support for the Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) Mandate (S.7621/A.7979)

Purpose:

This resolution urges the New York State Legislature and Governor to enact **S.7621/A.7979**, which would require **installation of Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) devices** in vehicles owned by drivers who repeatedly violate speed limits or red-light rules.

Key Points:

1. Why ISA Is Needed:

- **Speeding is a major cause of traffic fatalities**—responsible for nearly one-third of all road deaths in the U.S.
- In **2023**, New York City recorded **265 traffic deaths** and over **52,000 injuries**.
- Speeding reduces vehicle control, increases crash severity, and limits a driver's reaction time.

2. What ISA Devices Do:

- Use **GPS and speed-limit data** to:
 - Warn drivers when they exceed limits.
 - Provide visual/auditory alerts.
 - Resist acceleration past the limit.
 - In some cases, **prevent speeding altogether**.

3. Evidence of ISA Effectiveness:

- A **UK study** showed a **37% drop in fatal crashes** with ISA use.
- A **NYC pilot** in 50 municipal vehicles saw:
 - **99% compliance** with speed limits.
 - **36% reduction** in hard braking, a proxy for aggressive driving.

4. Details of Proposed Legislation (S.7621/A.7979):

- Requires ISA installation for:
 - Drivers who accumulate **11+ points** on their license in **18 months**, or
 - Drivers who receive **6 or more** speed/red-light camera tickets in **12 months**.
- Sponsored by **State Senator Andrew Gounardes** and **Assemblymember Emily Gallagher**.

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Sponsors:

Council Member Yusef Salaam and 9 co-sponsors.

Legislative Status:

Laid over in Committee as of April 24, 2025 — still under review and not yet adopted by the full City Council.