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## Assembly expands ticketing privileges

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ALBANY — The Assembly yesterday passed by a vote of 93 to 4 a bill authorizing safety officers of the Mental Hygiene Department to issue parking tickets on department property in New York City.

The bill, sponsored by Assemblywoman Elizabeth A. Connelly, empowers the department officers to give tickets returnable to the city's Parking Violations Bureau.

Mrs. Connelly said the safety and welfare of residents and employes of Mental Hygiene facilities, as well as the functioning of the facilities themselves, is jeopardized by haphazard and illegal parking on the grounds.

Giving authority to institute directors to regulate parking and traffic, the Island lawmaker added, "is useless without proper enforcement authority."