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Introduced by M. of A. KAVANAGH, STEVENSON, LANCMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the use of bicycles for commercial purposes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 10-157 of the administrative code of the city of
2 New York, subdivisions e and f as added and subdivisions g and h as
3 amended by local law number 9 of the city of New York for the year 2007,
4 is amended to read as follows:
5 S 10-157 Bicycles used for commercial purposes. a. [Every] FOR THE
6 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "BUSINESSES USING A BICYCLE FOR
7 COMMERCIAL PURPOSES" SHALL MEAN A person, firm, partnership, joint
8 venture, association [or], corporation OR ENTITY which engages in the
9 course of its business, either on behalf of itself or others, in delivering
10 packages, parcels, papers or articles of any type by bicycle. A
11 BUSINESS USING A BICYCLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES shall provide identification
12 of [the] SUCH business by requiring every bicycle or bicycle
13 operator to be identified by:
14 (1) affixing to the rear of each bicycle, bicycle seat or both sides
15 of the delivery basket, a metal plastic or other sign of a type approved
16 by the police commissioner, with the name of [the] SUCH business and a
17 three digit identification number which identifies the bicycle operator
18 in lettering and numerals so as to be plainly readable at a distance of
19 not less than ten feet and maintaining same in good condition thereon;
20 and
21 (2) by requiring each bicycle operator to wear a jacket, vest, or
22 other wearing apparel on the upper part of the cyclist's body while
23 making deliveries, or otherwise riding a bicycle on behalf of [the] SUCH
24 business, the back of which shall indicate the business name and the
25 bicycle operator's individual identification number in lettering and

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 numerals so as to be plainly readable at a distance of not less than ten
2 feet.

3 b. Every [person, firm, partnership, joint venture, association or
4 corporation engaged in providing a service as authorized herein] BUSI-
5 NESS USING A BICYCLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES must issue to every bicycle
6 operator a numbered identification card which contains the name, resi-
7 dence address and photo of the bicycle operator and the name, address
8 and telephone number of the [company for whom] ENTITY WITH WHICH the
9 bicycle operator is employed OR AFFILIATED. Such identification card
10 must be carried by the bicycle operator while the cyclist is making
11 deliveries, or otherwise riding a bicycle on behalf of the business, and
12 must be produced upon the demand of a police officer or any other law
13 enforcement officer.

14 c. Every [person, firm, partnership, joint venture, association or
15 corporation engaged in providing a service as authorized herein] BUSI-
16 NESS USING A BICYCLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES shall maintain in a log
17 book to be kept for such purpose, the name and place of residence
18 address of every employee operating a bicycle, the date of employment
19 and discharge of each person in said service, and every messenger or
20 delivery person's identification number. The owner of any SUCH business
21 engaged in providing a service as authorized in this section shall be
22 responsible for maintaining in the log book a daily trip record in which
23 all entries shall be made legibly in ink and each entry shall be dated
24 and include the bicycle identification number, the operator's name and
25 the name and place of origin and destination for each trip. No entry
26 shall be rewritten either in whole or in part except in such manner as
27 may be provided by regulation of the commissioner; any such unauthorized
28 rewriting shall give rise to a rebuttable presumption of an act of
29 fraud, deceit or misrepresentation. Such log book shall be made avail-
30 able for inspection during regular and usual business hours upon request
31 of an agent of the police commissioner or any police officer or any
32 other person authorized by law.

33 d. The owner of any business [engaged in providing a service as
34 authorized in this section] USING A BICYCLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES
35 shall file an annual report in such form as shall be designated by the
36 police commissioner by rule or regulations. Said report shall include,
37 inter alia, the number of bicycles it owns and the number and identity
38 of any [employees it may retain] BICYCLE OPERATORS EMPLOYED BY OR OTHER-
39 WISE AFFILIATED WITH SUCH BUSINESS. Any SUCH business [engaged in
40 providing a service as authorized in this section] shall be responsible
41 for the compliance with the provisions of this section of any [employees
42 it shall retain] BICYCLE OPERATORS EMPLOYED BY OR OTHERWISE AFFILIATED
43 WITH SUCH BUSINESS. Nothing contained in this section shall be
44 construed as applying to persons under the age of sixteen who use a
45 bicycle to deliver daily newspapers or circulars.

46 e. (1) The owner of any business [engaged in providing a service as
47 authorized in this section] USING A BICYCLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES
48 shall provide, at its own expense, protective headgear suitable for each
49 bicycle operator. Such headgear shall:

50 (i) meet the standards set forth by the consumer product safety
51 commission in title 16, part 1203 of the code of federal regulations;

52 (ii) be readily available at each employment site for use by each
53 bicycle operator; and

54 (iii) be replaced if such headgear is no longer in good condition.
55 Headgear is no longer in good condition if it is missing any of its

1 component parts or is otherwise damaged so as to impair its functional-
2 ty.

3 (2) Each bicycle operator shall wear protective headgear that meets
4 the requirements of paragraph [1] ONE of this subdivision while making
5 deliveries or otherwise operating a bicycle on behalf of such business.
6 The term "wear such protective headgear" means having the headgear
7 fastened securely upon the head with the headgear straps.

8 f. The owner of any business [engaged in providing a service as
9 authorized in this section] USING A BICYCLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES,
10 notwithstanding that a bicycle may be provided by an employee OR ASSOCI-
11 ATE thereof, shall provide at its own expense and ensure that each bicy-
12 cle is equipped with a lamp; a bell or other device capable of giving an
13 audible signal; brakes; reflective tires or, alternately, a reflex
14 reflector mounted on the spokes of each wheel; as well as other reflec-
15 tive devices or material, in accordance with section [1236] ONE THOUSAND
16 TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX of the vehicle and traffic law.

17 g. Except as otherwise provided in subdivision h of this section, the
18 violation of any of the provisions of this section, or of any of the
19 rules or regulations that may be promulgated pursuant hereto, shall be a
20 violation triable by a judge of the criminal court of the city of New
21 York and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not
22 less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred and fifty
23 dollars or imprisonment for not more than fifteen days or both such fine
24 and imprisonment. IN ADDITION, ANY PERSON OR ENTITY VIOLATING THIS
25 SECTION OR ANY OF THE RULES OR REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT HERETO
26 SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS
27 AND NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION. SUCH
28 CIVIL PENALTY SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY CRIMINAL PENALTY THAT MAY BE
29 IMPOSED, AND SHALL BE RECOVERABLE AGAINST A BICYCLE OPERATOR AND AGAINST
30 A BUSINESS USING A BICYCLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES IN A PROCEEDING
31 BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD.

32 h. Any person who makes deliveries or otherwise operates a bicycle on
33 behalf of a business USING A BICYCLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES without
34 carrying the identification required by subdivision b of this section or
35 who fails to produce such identification upon demand as required by such
36 subdivision, or who fails to wear protective headgear required by subdivi-
37 sion e of this section, shall be guilty of a traffic infraction and
38 upon conviction thereof shall be liable for a fine of not less than
39 twenty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars. It shall be an affirma-
40 tive defense to such traffic infraction that [the] SUCH business did not
41 provide the protective headgear required by subdivision e of this
42 section. Such traffic infraction may be adjudicated by such an adminis-
43 trative tribunal as is authorized under article two-A of the vehicle and
44 traffic law.

45 I. IN ANY PROSECUTION OF A BUSINESS USING A BICYCLE FOR COMMERCIAL
46 PURPOSES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SUCH BUSINESS SHALL BE VICARI-
47 OUSLY LIABLE FOR THE ACTS OF ANY BICYCLE OPERATORS EMPLOYED BY OR OTHER-
48 WISE AFFILIATED WITH SUCH BUSINESS.

49 J. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A BICYCLE OPERATOR SHALL ONLY BE
50 CONSIDERED TO BE EMPLOYED OR AFFILIATED WITH AN ENTITY BUSINESS USING A
51 BICYCLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES WHEN SUCH ENTITY PROVIDES DIRECT COMPEN-
52 SATION TO THAT BICYCLE OPERATOR, EITHER AS AN EMPLOYEE OR CONTRACTOR.
53 PERSONS OR ENTITIES THAT HIRE OTHER FIRMS TO PROVIDE DELIVERY AND
54 MESSENGER SERVICES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

55 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
56 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.