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Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the use of seatbelts by passengers in taxicabs and for-hire vehicles in the city of New York and requiring operators to display a notice informing passengers of such requirement

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

1     Section 1. Section 19-529 of the administrative code of the city of  
2 New York is amended by adding two new subdivisions e and f to read as  
3 follows:  
4     E. (1) EVERY TAXICAB AND FOR-HIRE VEHICLE SHALL DISPLAY A NOTICE WITH-  
5 IN THE TAXICAB OR FOR-HIRE VEHICLE WHICH STATES IN CONSPICUOUS LETTERING  
6 OF AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO POINT BOLDFACE TYPE:  
7                NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES ALL PASSENGERS TO BE  
8                RESTRAINED BY SEAT AND/OR SHOULDER BELT SYSTEMS.  
9     (2) SUCH SIGN SHALL BE PLACED IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION AND IN A CONSPIC-  
10 UOUS PLACE WHERE IT CAN EASILY BE READ BY THE PASSENGERS IN THE TAXICAB  
11 OR FOR-HIRE VEHICLE.  
12     (3) ANY TAXICAB OR FOR-HIRE VEHICLE WHICH VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF  
13 THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY, NOT TO EXCEED ONE  
14 HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY OF VIOLATION.  
15     F. (1) ALL PASSENGERS IN A TAXICAB OR FOR-HIRE VEHICLE SHALL BE  
16 RESTRAINED BY A SAFETY BELT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER. ANY PERSON WHO  
17 VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A CIVIL  
18 FINE OF UP TO FIFTY DOLLARS.  
19     (2) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO A PASSENGER  
20 WITH A PHYSICALLY DISABLING CONDITION WHOSE PHYSICAL DISABILITY WOULD  
21 PREVENT APPROPRIATE RESTRAINT IN SUCH SAFETY SEAT OR SAFETY BELT  
22 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, SUCH CONDITION IS DULY CERTIFIED BY A PHYSICIAN WHO  
23 SHALL STATE THE NATURE OF THE HANDICAP, AS WELL AS THE REASON SUCH  
24 RESTRAINT IS INAPPROPRIATE.  
25     S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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