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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. FAHY, EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the identification of transportation network company drivers and vehicles

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 1692 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as added by section 2 of part AAA of chapter 59 of the laws of
3 2017, is amended to read as follows:

4 5. A TNC's digital network shall display a picture of the TNC driver,
5 and provide the make, model, color and license plate number of the TNC
6 vehicle utilized for providing the TNC prearranged trip before the
7 passenger enters the TNC vehicle. The digital network shall also enable
8 the passenger to scan, with the passenger's mobile device, the vehicle's
9 scanable code decal required by section sixteen hundred ninety-six of
10 this article, prior to entering the vehicle and prior to the release of
11 payment, in order to confirm that the vehicle is the one authorized for
12 the passenger's prearranged trip.

13 § 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 5 of section 1696
14 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by section 2 of part AAA of
15 chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, are amended and a new subdivision 6 is
16 added to read as follows:

17 (c) Upon review of all information received and retained by the TNC
18 and upon verifying that the individual is not disqualified pursuant to
19 this section from receiving a TNC driver permit, a TNC may issue a TNC
20 driver permit to the applicant. The TNC shall review all information
21 received relating to such applicant and hold such information for six
22 years along with a certification that such applicant qualifies to
23 receive a TNC driver permit. The department shall design and promulgate
24 a TNC driver identification card to be issued by a TNC when such TNC is

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

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1 issuing a TNC driver permit to an applicant. Such TNC driver identifi-
2 cation card shall at a minimum include the TNC driver's name, photograph
3 and license plate number. A TNC driver who is providing the TNC service
4 or TNC prearranged trip shall prominently display such TNC driver iden-
5 tification card in the TNC vehicle.

6 5. The department shall promulgate regulations to ensure that each TNC
7 vehicle is easily identified as such and that the TNC for which the TNC
8 driver is providing the TNC service or TNC prearranged trip is distin-
9 guishable. Such marking shall be in such form as is approved by the
10 commissioner, which shall at a minimum include an illuminated sign indi-
11 cating the TNC for which the TNC driver is providing the TNC service or
12 TNC prearranged trip, and shall be attached, affixed or displayed in
13 such manner as he or she may prescribe by regulation.

14 6. The department shall promulgate regulations to require each TNC
15 company to provide each TNC driver with a scanable code decal, such as a
16 quick response or QR code decal, and to require such decals to be
17 displayed on the outside of each TNC vehicle. Such decals shall be
18 designed to allow the passenger to confirm, prior to entering the vehi-
19 cle, that the vehicle is the authorized vehicle for the passenger's
20 prearranged trip, using the TNC's digital network as set forth in subdi-
21 vision five of section sixteen hundred ninety-two of this article.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
23 have become a law; provided, however that section one of this act shall
24 take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become
25 a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of
26 any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on
27 its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before
28 such effective date.