

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 20, 2019

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

AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to requiring certain for-hire vehicles to install and maintain an interior rear-facing video camera

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

1 Section 1. Section 140 of the transportation law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

3 11. a. All commercial motor vehicles that transport passengers for-
4 hire with a seating capacity of six passengers or less shall be required
5 to install and maintain an interior rear-facing video camera. Such video
6 camera shall be recording at all times the vehicle is being operated for
7 the purpose of for-hire transportation, and at minimum shall:

8 (i) capture and record any operator or passenger who enters or exits
9 the vehicle;

10 (ii) store, at a minimum, the sixty most recent hours of operation;
11 and

12 (iii) have the ability to transmit data or otherwise provide access to
13 local law enforcement and the local regulatory authority which has
14 licensed the motor vehicle for for-hire transportation services.

15 b. The requirement set forth in this subdivision shall not limit the
16 brand or provider of video cameras which can be utilized to comply with
17 this subdivision. Rather, any commercial video camera that meets the
18 minimum requirements of this subdivision shall be considered as comply-
19 ing with this subdivision.

20 c. No law or regulation shall prohibit the installation and use of a
21 front-facing camera as long as the minimum requirements set forth in
22 paragraph a of this subdivision are met. Where such video camera system
23 also has a front-facing video camera, the vehicle owner's motor vehicle
24 insurance provider must have similar access to such data.

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

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1 d. The requirement set forth in this subdivision shall supersede any
2 local regulation of video cameras installed in commercial motor vehicles
3 engaged in the for-hire transport of passengers.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
5 have become a law.