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Introduced by M. of A. WRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to criminal tampering with a
taximeter

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

1 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 145.75 to
2 read as follows:
3 S 145.75 TAMPERING WITH A TAXIMETER.
4 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A "TAXIMETER" MEANS AN INSTRUMENT OR
5 DEVICE THAT AUTOMATICALLY CALCULATES AND DISPLAYS THE CHARGE TO A
6 PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE THAT IS LICENSED TO TRANSPORT MEMBERS OF THE
7 PUBLIC FOR HIRE PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW.
8 2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A "TAXIMETER ACCELERATING DEVICE"
9 MEANS AN INSTRUMENT OR DEVICE THAT CAUSES A TAXIMETER TO INCREASE THE
10 CHARGE DISPLAYED BY THE TAXIMETER TO AN AMOUNT ABOVE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT
11 PERMITTED BY LOCAL LAW.
12 3. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF TAMPERING WITH A TAXIMETER WHEN, WITH INTENT
13 TO INCREASE THE FARE DISPLAYED BY A TAXIMETER TO AN AMOUNT ABOVE THE
14 MAXIMUM AMOUNT PERMITTED BY LOCAL LAW, HE OR SHE TAMPERS WITH SUCH
15 TAXIMETER OR ATTACHES OR OTHERWISE USES A TAXIMETER ACCELERATING DEVICE
16 TO CAUSE ANY SIGNAL, IMPULSE OR DATA TO BE FED INTO OR TRANSMITTED TO
17 SUCH TAXIMETER.
18 TAMPERING WITH A TAXIMETER IS A CLASS E FELONY.
19 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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