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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to commercial bicycles

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

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new
2 section 401-c to read as follows:
3 S 401-C. REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL BICYCLES. EVERY BICYCLE ENGAGED IN
4 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, INCLUDING BICYCLE MESSENGER SERVICES
5 AND BICYCLE DELIVERY SERVICES CONNECTED TO RESTAURANTS, PHARMACIES,
6 GROCERY, DRUG OR ANY OTHER RETAIL STORES, SHALL BE REGISTERED AND IDENTIFIED AS A COMMERCIAL BICYCLE, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. SUCH A
7 COMMERCIAL BICYCLE SHALL BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE IDENTIFYING IT AS A
8 "COMMERCIAL BICYCLE". AN OPERATOR OF A COMMERCIAL BICYCLE MUST HAVE A
9 FORM OF IDENTIFICATION PROVIDING HIS OR HER NAME. REGISTRANTS SHALL BE
10 ISSUED REGISTRATION CARDS WHICH MUST BE CARRIED WHILE OPERATING A BICYCLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A LIST OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BICYCLE OPERATION FOR EACH BICYCLE REGISTERED. ALL COMMERCIAL BICYCLES SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH SAFETY FEATURES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REFLECTORS OR LIGHTS FOR NIGHTTIME OPERATION. ALL OPERATORS OF COMMERCIAL BICYCLES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR BICYCLE HELMETS. REGISTRANTS SHALL OBTAIN PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE TO COVER ANYONE WHO OPERATES A COMMERCIAL BICYCLE. FAILURE TO REGISTER A COMMERCIAL BICYCLE OR TO COMPLY WITH ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN TWENTY DAYS.
22 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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