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AN ACT to amend the executive law and the workers' compensation law, in relation to workers' compensation benefits secured by the New York black car operators' injury compensation fund, inc.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 160-cc of the executive law, as
2 added by chapter 49 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:
3 4. "Covered services" means ONLY A BLACK CAR OPERATOR WHO IS IN THE
4 COURSE OF A DISPATCH, with respect to dispatches from or by a central
5 dispatch facility located in the state, all dispatches from such central
6 dispatch facility regardless of where the pick-up or discharge occurs,
7 and, with respect to dispatches from or by a central dispatch facility
8 located outside the state, all dispatches involving a pick-up in the
9 state, regardless of where the discharge occurs.
10 S 2. Subdivisions 6, 7, 8 and 9 of section 160-cc of the executive law
11 are renumbered subdivisions 7, 8, 9 and 10 and a new subdivision 6 is
12 added to read as follows:
13 6. "DISPATCH" OR "DISPATCHES" SHALL MEAN A BLACK CAR OPERATOR WHO IS
14 IN THE COURSE OF PICKING UP, TRANSPORTING OR DISCHARGING A PASSENGER OR
15 PACKAGE OR OTHER ITEM AT THE EXPRESS DIRECTION OF A CENTRAL DISPATCH
16 FACILITY OR SUCH OTHER MEANING AS ESTABLISHED BY REGULATION PROPOSED BY
17 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FUND AND ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN
18 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NN OF THIS ARTICLE.
19 S 3. The second undesignated paragraph of subdivision 3 of section 2
20 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 392 of the laws
21 of 2008, is amended to read as follows:
22 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, and for purposes
23 of this chapter only, the employer of a black car operator PROVIDING
24 COVERED SERVICES, as defined in article six-F of the executive law,

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

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1 shall, on and after the fund liability date, as defined in such article,
2 be the New York black car operators' injury compensation fund, inc.
3 created pursuant to such article.

4 S 4. The seventh undesignated paragraph of subdivision 4 of section 2
5 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chapter 49 of the laws of
6 1999, is amended to read as follows:

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, and for purposes
8 of this chapter only, a black car operator PROVIDING COVERED SERVICES,
9 as defined in article six-F of the executive law, shall, on and after
10 the fund liability date, as defined in such article, be an "employee" of
11 the New York black car operators' injury compensation fund, inc. created
12 pursuant to such article.

13 S 5. The fourth undesignated paragraph of subdivision 5 of section 2
14 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chapter 49 of the laws of
15 1999, is amended to read as follows:

16 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, and for purposes
17 of this chapter only, a black car operator PROVIDING COVERED SERVICES,
18 as that term is defined in article six-F of the executive law, shall, on
19 and after the fund liability date, as that term is defined in such arti-
20 cle, be regarded as in the "employment" of the New York black car opera-
21 tors' injury compensation fund, inc. created pursuant to such article.

22 S 6. The fifth undesignated paragraph of section 11 of the workers'
23 compensation law, as added by chapter 49 of the laws of 1999, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 The liability under this chapter of the New York black car operators'
26 injury compensation fund, inc. shall be limited to: (i) securing the
27 payment of workers' compensation in accordance with article six-F of the
28 executive law to black car operators PROVIDING COVERED SERVICES, as
29 defined in such article, whose injury arose out of and in the course of
30 providing ONLY COVERED services for a central dispatch facility, as
31 defined in such article, that is a registered member of such fund, and
32 (ii) any statutory penalty resulting from the failure to secure such
33 payment. The liability under this chapter of a central dispatch facili-
34 ty, as defined in article six-F of the executive law, that is a regis-
35 tered member of the New York black car operators' injury compensation
36 fund, inc. that shall be limited to remaining a registered member in
37 good standing of such fund and any statutory penalty, including loss of
38 immunity provided by this section, resulting from the failure to become
39 or remain a registered member in good standing of such fund, except,
40 however, that such central dispatch facility shall be subject to the
41 provisions of section one hundred thirty-one of this chapter and shall
42 be liable for any payments for which it may become responsible pursuant
43 to such section or pursuant to section fourteen-a of this chapter.

44 S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.