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

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to liability insurance coverage for taxicabs and liveries, safety training for delinquent taxi drivers, and requiring taxis to display the taxi and limousine commission's complaint number on their bumpers

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

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-504.5 to read as follows:

S 19-504.5 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR TAXICABS AND LIVERIES. EVERY TAXICAB AND LIVERY AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE SHALL MAINTAIN IN FORCE, AND PROVIDE PROOF THEREOF TO THE COMMISSION, LIABILITY INSURANCE AS FOLLOWS:

SUCH LIABILITY INSURANCE SHALL MEAN A POLICY THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW AND THE INSURANCE LAW AND THAT PROVIDES FOR INSURANCE AGAINST LOSS FROM THE LIABILITY IMPOSED BY LAW FOR DAMAGES, INCLUDING DAMAGES FOR CARE AND LOSS OF SERVICES, BECAUSE OF BODILY INJURY TO OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON AND INJURY TO OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY ARISING OUT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MAINTENANCE, USE, OR OPERATION OF A SPECIFIC MOTOR VEHICLE OR MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, OR ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES IN NORTH AMERICA OR THE DOMINION OF CANADA, SUBJECT TO A LIMIT, EXCLUSIVE OF INTEREST AND COSTS, WITH RESPECT TO EACH SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE, OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS BECAUSE OF BODILY INJURIES TO AND TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS BECAUSE OF DEATH OF ONE PERSON IN ANY ONE ACCIDENT AND, SUBJECT TO SAID LIMIT FOR ONE PERSON, TO A LIMIT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS BECAUSE OF BODILY INJURY TO AND THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS BECAUSE OF DEATH OF TWO OR MORE PERSONS IN ANY ONE ACCIDENT.

S 2. Section 19-505 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision q to read as follows:

Q. UPON THE RECEIPT OF FIVE COMPLAINTS WITHIN A THREE MONTH PERIOD ABOUT THE UNSAFE DRIVING OF A TAXICAB DRIVER, THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE SUCH DRIVER TO PARTICIPATE IN A SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM OF THE

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

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COMMISSION'S DESIGN OR DESIGNATION. FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

S 3. Section 19-506 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision k to read as follows:

K. THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, AND PUBLICIZE A TELEPHONE NUMBER AT WHICH IT SHALL RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING TAXICAB DRIVERS. SUCH TELEPHONE SHALL BE STAFFED AND DIRECTLY ANSWERED BY A PERSON EACH WEEKDAY, EXCEPT HOLIDAYS, FROM EIGHT A.M. TO NINE A.M. AND FROM FIVE P.M. TO SEVEN P.M.

S 4. Subdivision b of section 19-514 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

b. The name of the corporate owner shall be printed on both rear doors or on both front doors of each taxicab in such a manner as shall be prescribed by the commission. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT WHICH THE COMMISSION RECEIVES COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT TAXICABS SHALL BE DISPLAYED ON THE REAR BUMPER OF EACH TAXICAB IN CLEAR, LARGE, AND SUITABLE PRINT AS THE COMMISSION SHALL PRESCRIBE.

S 5. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.