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Introduced by M. of A. CASTRO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to allowing affiliated vehicles in the city of New York to obtain a special street hail license to accept hails from passengers in the street in areas outside the Manhattan central business district

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

Section 1. Section 19-502 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision x to read as follows:

X. "SPECIAL STREET HAIL LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO AFFILIATED VEHICLES WHICH PERMITS SAID VEHICLES TO ACCEPT HAILS FROM PASSENGERS IN THE STREET IN AREAS OUTSIDE THE MANHATTAN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A METAL PLATE FOR DISPLAYING THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE VEHICLE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE VEHICLE. SUCH METAL PLATE SHALL BE DISTINGUISHABLE FROM A MEDALLION.

S 2. Paragraph 1 of subdivision a of section 19-504 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 115 of the city of New York for the year 1993, is amended to read as follows:

(1) A taxi-cab, coach, wheelchair accessible van, commuter van or for-hire vehicle shall operate within the city of New York only if the owner shall first have obtained from the commission a taxicab, coach, wheelchair accessible van, commuter van or for-hire vehicle license for such vehicle and only while such license is in full force and effect. Vehicle licenses shall be issued for a term of not less than one nor more than two years and shall expire on the date set forth on the license unless sooner suspended or revoked by the commission. [No] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF THIS SUBDIVISION, NO motor vehicle other than a duly licensed taxicab shall be permitted to accept hails from passengers in the street. No commuter van shall be operated within the city of New York unless it is operated as part of a current, valid authorization to operate a commuter van service duly issued by the commission pursuant to section 19-504.2 of this chapter.

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

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S 3. Subdivision a of section 19-504 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new paragraph 3 to read as follows:

(3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, AN AFFILIATED VEHICLE, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION S OF SECTION 19-502 OF THIS CHAPTER, SHALL BE PERMITTED TO ACCEPT HAILS FROM PASSENGERS IN THE STREET IN AREAS OUTSIDE THE MANHATTAN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IF THE OWNER SHALL FIRST HAVE OBTAINED FROM THE COMMISSION A SPECIAL STREET HAIL LICENSE AND THE ASSOCIATED METAL PLATE FOR EXTERIOR DISPLAY ON THE VEHICLE. A SPECIAL STREET HAIL LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED FOR ONE YEAR AND SHALL EXPIRE ON THE DATE SET FORTH ON THE LICENSE UNLESS SOONER SUSPENDED OR REVOKED BY THE COMMISSION.

S 4. Subdivision b of section 19-504 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 57 of the city of New York for the year 1991, is amended to read as follows:

b. The license fee for each taxi-cab and coach shall be five hundred fifty dollars annually. The license fee for each wheelchair accessible van and each for-hire vehicle shall be two hundred seventy-five dollars annually. AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS ANNUALLY SHALL BE COLLECTED FROM EACH AFFILIATED VEHICLE ISSUED A SPECIAL STREET HAIL LICENSE. If a license is granted for a period other than one year, the fee shall be prorated accordingly. There shall be an additional fee of twenty-five dollars for late filing of a wheelchair accessible van or for-hire vehicle license renewal application where such filing is permitted by the commission.

S 5. Paragraph 4 of subdivision a of section 19-507 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 88 of the city of New York for the year 1989, is amended to read as follows:

4. [No] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF SUBDIVISION A OF SECTION 19-504 OF THIS CHAPTER, NO driver of a for-hire vehicle shall accept passengers unless the passengers have engaged the use of the for-hire vehicle on the basis of telephone contract or prearrangement.

S 6. Section 11-801 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision 18 to read as follows:

18. "AFFILIATED VEHICLE POSSESSING A SPECIAL STREET HAIL LICENSE." A DULY LICENSED FOR-HIRE VEHICLE OTHER THAN A BLACK CAR OR A LUXURY LIMOUSINE, WHICH IS AFFILIATED WITH A BASE STATION AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSION TO DISPATCH, AND WHICH IS ISSUED A SPECIAL STREET HAIL LICENSE BY THE TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND AN ASSOCIATED METAL PLATE FOR EXTERIOR DISPLAY ON THE VEHICLE, ALLOWING THE VEHICLE TO ACCEPT HAILS FROM PASSENGERS IN THE STREET IN AREAS OUTSIDE THE MANHATTAN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

S 7. Paragraph 2 of subdivision a of section 11-802 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subparagraph (D) to read as follows:

(D) FOR TAX YEAR BEGINNING ON AND AFTER JUNE FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN, ON AFFILIATED VEHICLES POSSESSING A SPECIAL STREET HAIL LICENSE, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH SUCH VEHICLE.

S 8. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.