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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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 145.75 to read as follows:

S 145.75 TAMPERING WITH A TAXIMETER.

1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A "TAXIMETER" MEANS AN INSTRUMENT OR DEVICE THAT AUTOMATICALLY CALCULATES AND DISPLAYS THE CHARGE TO A PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE THAT IS LICENSED TO TRANSPORT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR HIRE PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A "TAXIMETER ACCELERATING DEVICE" MEANS AN INSTRUMENT OR DEVICE THAT CAUSES A TAXIMETER TO INCREASE THE CHARGE DISPLAYED BY THE TAXIMETER TO AN AMOUNT ABOVE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PERMITTED BY LOCAL LAW.

3. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF TAMPERING WITH A TAXIMETER WHEN, WITH INTENT TO INCREASE THE FARE DISPLAYED BY A TAXIMETER TO AN AMOUNT ABOVE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PERMITTED BY LOCAL LAW, HE OR SHE TAMPERS WITH SUCH TAXIMETER OR ATTACHES OR OTHERWISE USES A TAXIMETER ACCELERATING DEVICE TO CAUSE ANY SIGNAL, IMPULSE OR DATA TO BE FED INTO OR TRANSMITTED TO SUCH TAXIMETER.

TAMPERING WITH A TAXIMETER IS A CLASS E FELONY.

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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