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Introduced by M. of A. ESPAILLAT, PERALTA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND, ROBINSON, TITUS -- 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 requiring child safety seats in taxicabs and liveries

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

Section 1. Section 19-529 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 10 of the city of New York for the year 1992, is amended to read as follows:

S 19-529 Seat and shoulder belts required; CHILD SAFETY SEATS. a. Beginning with the 1991 model year, for each seating position, every taxicab and for-hire vehicle shall be equipped with seat belts and, for every outside passenger position, shall be equipped with shoulder belts.

b. All seat and shoulder belts AND CHILD SAFETY SEATS required by this section or by any provision of state or federal law shall be clearly visible, accessible and shall be maintained in good working order. No safety belt installed in a motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this section or in accordance with the provisions of state or federal law or the rules or regulations issued by the New York State Department of Transportation or the United States Department of Transportation, shall be removed from said motor vehicle.

c. The owner of any licensed vehicle found to be in violation of subdivision a [or], b [hereof], OR E OF THIS SUBDIVISION shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more than two hundred fifty dollars.

d. At each inspection of a licensed taxicab or for-hire vehicle made pursuant to subdivision f of section 19-504 of this chapter, failure to comply with subdivision a [or], b [hereof], OR E OF THIS SUBDIVISION shall be evidence that such vehicle fails to meet reasonable standards for safe operation and shall constitute cause for the suspension of said vehicle license by the commission.

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

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E. EVERY TAXICAB AND EVERY LIVERY SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD SAFETY SEAT THAT MEETS THE STANDARDS THEREFOR REQUIRED BY THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.