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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 ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 145.75 to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 145.75   TAMPERING WITH A TAXIMETER.  
4     1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A "TAXIMETER" MEANS AN INSTRUMENT OR  
5     DEVICE THAT AUTOMATICALLY CALCULATES AND DISPLAYS THE CHARGE TO A  
6     PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE THAT IS LICENSED TO TRANSPORT MEMBERS OF THE  
7     PUBLIC FOR HIRE PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW.  
8     2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A "TAXIMETER ACCELERATING DEVICE"  
9     MEANS AN INSTRUMENT OR DEVICE THAT CAUSES A TAXIMETER TO INCREASE THE  
10    CHARGE DISPLAYED BY THE TAXIMETER TO AN AMOUNT ABOVE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT  
11    PERMITTED BY LOCAL LAW.  
12    3. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF TAMPERING WITH A TAXIMETER WHEN, WITH INTENT  
13    TO INCREASE THE FARE DISPLAYED BY A TAXIMETER TO AN AMOUNT ABOVE THE  
14    MAXIMUM AMOUNT PERMITTED BY LOCAL LAW, HE OR SHE TAMPERS WITH SUCH  
15    TAXIMETER OR ATTACHES OR OTHERWISE USES A TAXIMETER ACCELERATING DEVICE  
16    TO CAUSE ANY SIGNAL, IMPULSE OR DATA TO BE FED INTO OR TRANSMITTED TO  
17    SUCH TAXIMETER.  
18    TAMPERING WITH A TAXIMETER IS A CLASS E FELONY.  
19    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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