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Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to accessible side entry for taxicab and livery vehicles

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

Section 1. Section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 52 to read as follows:

52. ACCESSIBLE SIDE ENTRY FOR TAXICAB AND LIVERY VEHICLES. (A) EVERY TAXICAB AND LIVERY REGISTERED IN THIS STATE THAT IS REQUIRED BY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION TO BE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE, OR IN ANY WAY ADVERTISES ITS SERVICES AS ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO USE WHEELCHAIRS, MUST BE: (I) BUILT AS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE BY THE VEHICLE'S ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM), EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION AND (II) EQUIPPED TO ALLOW ALL PASSENGERS TO ENTER THE VEHICLE THROUGH A PASSENGER COMPARTMENT SIDE DOOR.

(B) A VEHICLE NOT BUILT AS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE BY THE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONVERTED, MODIFIED OR ALTERED TO BE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE MAY BE USED AS AN ACCESSIBLE TAXICAB OR LIVERY VEHICLE, PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL REQUIRE THE END MANUFACTURER OF ANY MODEL OF CONVERTED, ALTERED OR MODIFIED VEHICLE TO SUBMIT CRASH TEST AND SAFETY DATA TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH THIS DATA FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION AT A REGULAR INTERVAL AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law, provided that this act shall apply to taxicab and livery vehicles registered with a state or local authority on and after such effective date.

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

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