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

AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to taxi and limousine services equipped with wheelchair accessible vehicles

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

Section 1. The transportation law is amended by adding a new section 152-a to read as follows:

S 152-A. FOR-HIRE ACCESSIBLE WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORTATION. 1. THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS IT SHALL DEEM NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

2. THE NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE A DISPATCH SERVICE FOR WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES. SUCH DISPATCH SERVICE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING FOR-HIRE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION.

3. THE NEW YORK CITY FOR-HIRE BASES, AS DEFINED BY REGULATIONS OF THE NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION, SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION REGULATIONS RELATED TO WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES NOR SHALL SUCH FOR-HIRE BASES BE SUBJECT TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law, provided, 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 is authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

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

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