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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to defining commuter van vehicles, liveries, and taxicabs

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 121-e of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by 2 chapter 15 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:
 - S 121-e. Livery. Every motor vehicle, INCLUDING COMMUTER VANS OPERATING WITH CHARTER/CONTRACT AUTHORITY FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR FEDERAL INTERSTATE AUTHORITY FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, other than a taxicab or a bus, used in the business of transporting passengers for compensation. However, it shall not include vehicles which are rented or leased without a driver.
- 9 S 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 10 108-a to read as follows:
 - S 108-A. COMMUTER VAN VEHICLE. AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER, THE TERM "COMMUTER VAN VEHICLE" SHALL MEAN A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A DRIVER HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF AT LEAST NINE BUT NOT MORE THAN FOURTEEN PASSENGERS TO CARRY PASSENGERS FOR HIRE IN AN AUTHORIZED COMMUTER VAN SERVICE.
- 15 S 3. Section 148-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chap-16 ter 15 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:
- 17 S 148-a. Taxicab. Every motor vehicle, other than a bus AND A COMMUTER 18 VAN VEHICLE, used in the business of transporting passengers for compensation, and operated in such business under a license or permit issued 20 by a local authority. However, it shall not include vehicles which are 21 rented or leased without a driver.
- 22 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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