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AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to prohibiting fees and charges for motorist services provided by a fire or police department

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

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 99-x to read as follows:

S 99-X. FEES AND CHARGES FOR MOTORIST SERVICES PROHIBITED. 1. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

(A) "MOTORIST" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO OPERATES A MOTOR VEHICLE, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, OR WHO IS AN OWNER OF SUCH VEHICLE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW.

(B) "MOTORIST SERVICES" MEANS ROADWAY AND ROADSIDE SERVICES PROVIDED TO MOTORISTS WHEN THEIR MOTOR VEHICLES ARE INVOLVED IN COLLISIONS OR OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE-RELATED INCIDENTS. SUCH SERVICES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: EXTINGUISHMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE FIRES; SECURING THE ACCIDENT SCENE; STABILIZING AND SEARCHING THE MOTOR VEHICLE; EVALUATING MOTORISTS FOR INJURIES; PROVIDING FIRST AID AND ASSISTING AMBULANCE PERSONNEL; WRITING AN INCIDENT REPORT; AND WASHING OFF OR OTHERWISE REMOVING DEBRIS FROM THE ROADWAY.

2. NO CITY SHALL IMPOSE A CHARGE OR FEE FOR MOTORIST SERVICES PROVIDED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE CONTROL OF SUCH CITY.

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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