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AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to authorizing the Capital District transportation authority to enter into an agreement with any city, town or village located within the Capital District transportation district which has adopted an ordinance regulating the registration and licensing of taxicab vehicles; and to authorize any city, town or village located within the Capital District transportation district to contract with the Capital District transportation authority for certain purposes

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

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 1307-a to read as follows:

3 S 1307-A. ADDITIONAL SPECIAL POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY. 1. FOR THE  
4 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING  
5 MEANINGS:

6 (A) "ADMINISTER" SHALL MEAN AN ACTION CARRIED OUT IN A PRESCRIBED  
7 MANNER NOT ALLOWING FOR SUBSTANTIAL PERSONAL DISCRETION FOR THE PURPOSE  
8 OF PROCESSING TAXICAB DRIVER PERMITS AND TAXICAB REGISTRATIONS AND  
9 LICENSES, CONSISTING OF MAKING CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE TAXICAB DRIVER  
10 PERMIT AND TAXICAB VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE APPLICATIONS AVAIL-  
11 ABLE TO APPLICANTS; REFERRING TAXICAB DRIVER APPLICANTS TO MEDICAL  
12 AND/OR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PERSONNEL FOR ANY EXAM OR TESTING AS MAY  
13 BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A TAXICAB DRIVER APPLICATION; ACTING AS THE DESIG-  
14 NATED ENTITY FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH APPLICATIONS INCLUDING FORMS FOR  
15 ANY REQUIRED MEDICAL EXAMS AND/OR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING; CONDUCTING  
16 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND AND/OR DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES LICENSE CHECKS  
17 AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR A TAXICAB DRIVER APPLICATION; FORWARDING APPLICA-

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

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1 TIONS, COMPLETED TO THE EXTENT AUTHORIZED, ANY REQUIRED MEDICAL AND/OR  
2 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TEST FORMS AND ANY REQUIRED CRIMINAL BACKGROUND AND/OR  
3 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES LICENSE CHECKS TO THE APPLICABLE CITY, TOWN  
4 OR VILLAGE; AND, ISSUING TAXICAB DRIVER PERMITS AND TAXICAB VEHICLE  
5 REGISTRATIONS AND LICENSES UPON RECEIVING NOTIFICATION FROM SUCH CITY,  
6 TOWN OR VILLAGE THAT SUCH MUNICIPALITY HAS APPROVED SUCH APPLICATIONS.  
7 SUCH TERM SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE COLLECTION AND FORWARDING OF TAXICAB  
8 COMPLAINTS TO THE RELEVANT MUNICIPALITY;

9 (B) "TAXICAB VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE" SHALL MEAN THE AUTHORI-  
10 TY GRANTED BY THE RELEVANT MUNICIPALITY, IN THE FORM OF A TAXICAB MEDAL-  
11 LION, FOR AN APPLICANT TO OWN A VEHICLE DESIGNATED AS A TAXICAB AND FOR  
12 SUCH TAXICAB TO BE USED AS SUCH WITHIN SUCH MUNICIPALITY'S JURISDICTION;  
13 AND

14 (C) "TAXICAB DRIVER PERMIT" SHALL MEAN THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE  
15 RELEVANT MUNICIPALITY FOR AN APPLICANT TO DRIVE A VEHICLE WITH A TAXICAB  
16 MEDALLION WITHIN SUCH MUNICIPALITY'S JURISDICTION.

17 2. (A) THE AUTHORITY IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ANY  
18 CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE LOCATED WITHIN THE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT THAT  
19 HAS ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF  
20 TAXICAB VEHICLES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED  
21 EIGHTY-ONE OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND REGULATING TAXICAB DRIVER  
22 PERMITS, FOR THE AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER THE ISSUANCE OF TAXICAB DRIVER  
23 PERMITS AND TAXICAB VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND LICENSES ON BEHALF OF SUCH  
24 CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE. ENTRY INTO SUCH AGREEMENT SHALL BE AUTHORIZED  
25 ONLY BY RESOLUTION OF THE AUTHORITY APPROVED BY NOT LESS THAN A MAJORITY  
26 OF THE WHOLE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY THEN IN OFFICE.

27 (B) NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ACT, OR IN ANY STATE OR LOCAL LAW,  
28 ORDER, ORDINANCE, RULE, REGULATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SHALL BE  
29 DEEMED TO AUTHORIZE THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE AND/OR DENY INITIAL OR  
30 RENEWAL OF TAXICAB VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE APPLICATIONS, OR TO  
31 CANCEL, SUSPEND, REVOKE OR TAKE OTHER ACTION AGAINST A TAXICAB VEHICLE  
32 REGISTRATION AND LICENSE OR THE HOLDER THEREOF, OR TO IMPOSE ANY PENAL-  
33 TIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

34 (C) PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS  
35 SUBDIVISION, THE AUTHORITY IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM MEDICAL AND/OR DRUG  
36 AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR APPLICANTS TO THE EXTENT THE AUTHORITY IS  
37 CURRENTLY PERFORMING FOR THE AUTHORITY'S BUS DRIVERS, PERFORM CRIMINAL  
38 BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE CHECKS ON EACH  
39 APPLICANT FOR A TAXICAB DRIVER PERMIT TO THE EXTENT AUTHORIZED BY STATE  
40 AND FEDERAL LAW AND BY THE IDENTICAL ORDINANCES ADOPTED BY THE CITY,  
41 TOWN OR VILLAGE CONTRACTING WITH THE AUTHORITY.

42 3. (A) THE TOTAL COST TO THE AUTHORITY OF ADMINISTERING THE AGREEMENT  
43 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE BORNE ENTIRELY BY THE  
44 CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE WITHIN THE DISTRICT WHICH IS A PARTY TO SUCH  
45 AGREEMENT. ON OR BEFORE JUNE FIRST OF EACH YEAR, THE AUTHORITY SHALL  
46 DETERMINE AND CERTIFY TO EACH CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE WITH WHICH IT HAS  
47 ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION THE TOTAL COST TO THE  
48 AUTHORITY FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING THE PRECEDING MARCH THIR-  
49 TY-FIRST, OF ADMINISTERING SUCH AGREEMENT WITHIN EACH CITY, TOWN OR  
50 VILLAGE, RESPECTIVELY. ON OR BEFORE THE FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER FIRST OF  
51 EACH YEAR, EACH SUCH CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE SHALL PAY TO THE AUTHORITY  
52 SUCH COST SO CERTIFIED TO IT ON OR BEFORE THE PRECEDING JUNE FIRST. NOT  
53 LATER THAN TWENTY DAYS AFTER EACH SUCH PAYMENT IS SUBMITTED OR IS DUE,  
54 WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DIRECTOR OF  
55 THE BUDGET AND THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLA-  
56 TURE A REPORT FOR EACH SUCH CITY, TOWN AND VILLAGE SHOWING THE AMOUNT

1 OF COSTS SO CERTIFIED AND THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS SO RECEIVED OR DUE. IF  
2 A CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE FAILS TO MAKE THE PAYMENT REQUIRED TO THE  
3 AUTHORITY BY THE TWENTIETH DAY AFTER THE DATE SUCH PAYMENT WAS DUE, SUCH  
4 CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE SHALL NO LONGER BE DEEMED A SIGNATORY TO THE  
5 AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION ON SUCH TWENTIETH DAY AND THE  
6 AUTHORITY SHALL: (I) NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND THE CHAIRPERSONS  
7 OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF SUCH OCCURRENCE WITHIN  
8 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF SUCH DAY; AND (II) BE PROHIBITED FROM ADMINISTERING  
9 THE ISSUANCE OF TAXICAB DRIVER PERMITS AND TAXICAB REGISTRATIONS AND  
10 LICENSES ON BEHALF OF SUCH CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE.

11 (B) IF THE AUTHORITY SHOULD FAIL TO SUBMIT ANY REPORT REQUIRED BY  
12 PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY  
13 AND EACH CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE SHALL BE DEEMED VOID ON THE NINETIETH DAY  
14 AFTER THE DATE SUCH REPORT WAS DUE, UNLESS THE AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE  
15 SUBMITTED SUCH REPORT PRIOR TO SUCH NINETIETH DAY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER,  
16 THAT ANY TAXICAB DRIVER PERMITS AND ANY TAXICAB VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND  
17 LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SUCH AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BE VOIDED AND SHALL  
18 CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL ITS DATE OF EXPIRATION AND  
19 SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE LOCAL ORDINANCE.

20 4. THE PERFORMANCE BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION  
21 SHALL, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, BE DEEMED TO BE A FURTHER  
22 PURPOSE OF THE AUTHORITY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE  
23 PROHIBITED FROM INCREASING OMNIBUS FARES, DECREASING OMNIBUS SERVICE, OR  
24 IN ANY WAY CHANGING, MODIFYING, OR ALTERING SERVICES RELATED TO ITS  
25 PRIMARY PURPOSE TO CONTINUE, DEVELOP AND IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION AND  
26 OTHER SERVICES RELATED THERETO WITHIN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTA-  
27 TION DISTRICT BY RAILROAD, OMNIBUS, MARINE AND AIR AS SET FORTH IN  
28 SECTION THIRTEEN HUNDRED FOUR OF THIS TITLE.

29 S 2. Administration of registration and licensing of taxicab vehicles  
30 and taxicab driver permits within the Capital District transportation  
31 district. 1. The municipal officers and boards in the several cities,  
32 towns and villages located within the Capital District transportation  
33 district which have adopted identical ordinances regulating the regis-  
34 tration and licensing of taxicab vehicles pursuant to section 181 of the  
35 general municipal law and regulating taxicab driver permits, with the  
36 exception of rates for taxicab service and application, permit, regis-  
37 tration and license fees, are each hereby authorized to enter into an  
38 agreement with the Capital District transportation authority ("authori-  
39 ty") for the authority to administer the issuance of taxicab driver  
40 permits and taxicab vehicle registrations and licenses on behalf of such  
41 cities, towns and villages pursuant to the provisions of this section  
42 and section 1307-a of the public authorities law.

43 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one of section 181 of  
44 the general municipal law, no agreement with the Capital District trans-  
45 portation authority shall take effect until a minimum of two cities,  
46 towns and/or villages have adopted identical ordinances as required by  
47 subdivision 1 of this section. Subsequent cities, towns and villages may  
48 enter into the agreement with the authority provided that their ordi-  
49 nances are identical to the ordinances that are already part of the  
50 agreement with the authority, with the exception of rates for taxicab  
51 service or fees.

52 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.