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AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to enacting the "taxi driver protection act" requiring the posting of signs in for-hire vehicles to prevent assault

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "taxi driver protection act".

§ 2. Section 140 of the transportation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

11. a. Every owner of a for-hire vehicle shall post in at least one conspicuous place in the rear passenger compartment of such vehicle stating in not less than sixteen point font form the following: "ATTENTION: Assaulting A Driver Is Punishable By Up To Twenty-Five Years In Prison"; provided, however, that a black car operator shall have the right but not the obligation to post such a sign while providing for-hire vehicle services.

b. For the purposes of this subdivision, the terms "for-hire vehicle" and "black car operator" shall have the same meanings as provided in subdivision two of section 60.07 of the penal law.

§ 3. The commissioner shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary for the provisions of this act and shall determine the penalty for failing to post such signs.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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