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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the authority of the New York black car operators' injury compensation fund, inc. to provide additional benefits

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 160-jj of the executive 2 law, as added by chapter 49 of the laws of 1999, are amended to read as 3 follows:

4 1. To pay (a) the costs of the insurance purchased pursuant to subdi-5 vision three of section one hundred sixty-ii of this article or (b) the benefits due under the workers' compensation law in the event the fund 6 7 self-insures pursuant to subdivision two of section one hundred sixty-ii 8 of this article, and to pay (c) its expenses in carrying out its powers 9 and duties under this article and (d) its liabilities, if any, pursuant 10 to section fourteen-a of the workers' compensation law, the fund shall 11 ascertain by reasonable estimate the total funding necessary to carry on 12 its operations and (e) the costs of benefits, sourcing and enrolling or 13 the costs provided to a third party not-for-profit organization, as 14 authorized by the fund, capable of educating, sourcing and enrolling 15 large groups of black car operators into additional health services and 16 related benefits that black car operators do not typically have or have 17 access to including, but not limited to, health insurance, life insur-18 ance, disability insurance, vision insurance, dental insurance, paid leave, retirement services, and financial services. 19

20 2. Based upon its estimation of operating costs, the fund shall estab-21 lish a proposed uniform percentage surcharge to be added to (a) the 22 invoices or billings for covered services sent to the customers of the 23 fund's members by a member or its agent and (b) the credit payments for 24 covered services received by a member or its agent. The proposed 25 surcharge shall become effective thirty days after being filed with the 26 department. Notwithstanding the foregoing, beginning on the first day of 27 the first calendar month that shall commence at least seventy-five days

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

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1 after the effective date of this article, and until the fund shall have 2 filed with the department a different surcharge amount, a three percent surcharge shall be added to every invoice or billing for covered 3 4 services sent by a member or its agent to, and every credit payment for 5 covered services received by a member or its agent from, the customers б of the fund's members. The surcharge amounts allocated for paragraph (e) 7 of subdivision one of this section shall not exceed ten percent. Each 8 member of the fund shall be liable for payment to the fund of an amount 9 equal to the product of (i) the percentages surcharge due pursuant to 10 this article, divided by one hundred and (ii) all payments received by the member or its agent for covered services from the member's custom-11 ers, as provided in this subdivision, regardless of whether the 12 13 surcharge was billed or charged. 14 § 2. Paragraphs (f), (g) and (h) of subdivision 2 of section 160-gg of 15 the executive law are relettered paragraphs (g), (h) and (i) and a new 16 paragraph (f) is added to read as follows: 17 (f) establish a procedure to ensure delivery of prompt and accurate

18data to determine whether a black car operator is eligible for benefits19under paragraph (e) of subdivision one of section one hundred sixty-jj20of this article for instances where the black car operator works across

21 multiple central dispatch facilities as defined in subdivision three of

22 section one hundred sixty-cc of this article;

23 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall 24 have become a law.