

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 30, 2019

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring background checks for for-hire vehicle licenses

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

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new
2 article 17-D to read as follows:

ARTICLE 17-D

BACKGROUND CHECK FOR FOR-HIRE VEHICLE LICENSES

3 Section 499-m. Background check for for-hire vehicle licenses.

4 § 499-m. Background check for for-hire vehicle licenses. Prior to the
5 issuance of a taxicab, limousine, commuter van, paratransit or for-hire
6 vehicle license, the applicant for such license shall be fingerprinted
7 by the licensing authority authorized to issue such license for the
8 purpose of securing criminal history records from both the state divi-
9 sion of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investi-
10 gation. The applicant shall pay any processing fee required by the
11 state division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of
12 investigation. Fingerprints shall be taken of the individual owner if
13 the applicant is a sole proprietorship; the general partners if the
14 applicant is a partnership; the officers, principals, and stockholders
15 owning more than ten percent of the outstanding stock of the corporation
16 if the applicant is a corporation.

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19 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 19-504 of the administrative code of the
20 city of New York, as added by local law number 115 of the city of New
21 York for the year 1993, is amended and a new subdivision s is added to
22 read as follows:

23 1. Prior to the issuance of a commuter van license, the applicant
24 shall be fingerprinted for the purpose of securing criminal history

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

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19 applicant is a corporation.

20 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
21 have become a law.