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Introduced by M. of A. DE LA ROSA, THIELE, GRIFFIN, REYES, ABBATE, SIMON, MONTESANO, BUTTENSCHON, PICHARDO, JOYNER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring the use of electronic coupling when providing prearranged transportation services to passengers

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1229-e to read as follows:

§ 1229-e. Additional safety requirements for vehicles engaged in the transportation of passengers. Any entity that provides a digital network or application accessible by a handheld device to facilitate prearranged transportation services to passengers, including services provided in transportation network company vehicles, as defined in section sixteen hundred ninety-one of this chapter, for-hire-vehicles, as defined by section 19-502 of the administrative code of the city of New York, and other commercial vehicles engaged in the for-hire transportation of passengers, shall provide a system of interactive electronic coupling between the passenger and the driver assigned to pick the passenger up. Upon the arrival of such a vehicle or at any time during a prearranged ride, the electronic coupling shall allow a passenger to confirm the prearranged match through an interactive exchange of signals on both the driver's handheld device and the passenger's handheld device.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the department of motor vehicles is authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary for the implementation of this act on or before such effective date.

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

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