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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT establishing the "COVID-19 livery recovery act"

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "COVID-19 livery recovery act".

§ 2. Notwithstanding any local law to the contrary, the local taxi and limousine commission of any city with a population of one million or more which is enforcing a cap on for-hire vehicle licenses shall issue a limited number of for-hire vehicle licenses regardless of such cap. Such for-hire vehicle licenses shall be referred to as "livery recovery licenses" and shall be issued for the exclusive purpose of affiliating additional independent livery drivers with local livery bases.

§ 3. The total number of such livery recovery licenses to be issued by the local taxi and limousine commission shall be equal to the difference between the number of for-hire vehicle licenses that were affiliated with all local livery bases, on a per-livery-base basis, as of February 28, 2020, and the number of for-hire vehicle licenses that remain affiliated with all such livery bases, on a per-livery-base basis, as of April 30, 2022.

§ 4. An applicant who receives such a livery recovery license must affiliate with a livery base which saw a reduction in the number of its affiliated drivers after February 28, 2020, and which has not fully recouped the number of its affiliated drivers to such amount.

§ 5. All livery recovery licensees shall be limited to affiliating only with a local livery base until the elimination of the local cap on for-hire vehicle licenses, at which time such limitation expires and the livery recovery license shall be considered to be a for-hire vehicle license for all purposes under local law or regulation.

§ 6. For purposes of this act, "for-hire vehicle driver", "independent livery drivers", "license", "licensee", "livery base" and "livery" shall mean the same as defined by local law or regulation.

§ 7. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth 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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