

STATE OF NEW YORK

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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:

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

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

10 § 3. The total number of such livery recovery licenses to be issued by
11 the local taxi and limousine commission shall be equal to the difference
12 between the number of for-hire vehicle licenses that were affiliated
13 with all local livery bases, on a per-livery-base basis, as of February
14 28, 2020, and the number of for-hire vehicle licenses that remain affil-
15 iated with all such livery bases, on a per-livery-base basis, as of
16 April 30, 2022.

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

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

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

29 § 7. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
30 have become a law.

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

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