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Introduced by M. of A. PICHARDO, SAYEGH, TAYLOR, HYNDMAN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GRIFFIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to for-hire vehicles; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions u and v of section 19-502 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 51 of the city of New York for the year 1996, are amended to read as follows:

2 u. "Black car" means a for-hire vehicle dispatched from a central
3 facility whose owner holds a franchise from the corporation or other
4 business entity which operates such central facility, or who is a member
5 of a cooperative that operates such central facility, where such central
6 facility has certified to the satisfaction of the commission that more
7 than ninety percent of the central facility's for-hire business is on a
8 payment basis other than direct cash payment by a passenger and/or
9 covered by the New York black car operators' injury compensation fund,
10 inc. pursuant to section one hundred sixty-dd of the executive law.

11 v. "Luxury limousine" means a for-hire vehicle which is dispatched
12 from a central facility which has certified to the satisfaction of the
13 commission that more than ninety percent of its for-hire business is on
14 a payment basis other than direct cash payment by a passenger, for which
15 there is maintained personal injury insurance coverage of no less than
16 five hundred thousand dollars per accident where one person is injured
17 and one million dollars per accident for all persons injured in that
18 same accident, whose passengers are charged on the basis of garage to
19 garage service and on a flat rate basis or per unit of time or mileage
20 and/or covered by the New York black car operators' injury compensation
21 fund, pursuant to section one hundred sixty-dd of the executive law.
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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2 law.

3 § 2. Section 19-506 of the administrative code of the city of New York
4 is amended by adding a new subdivision o to read as follows:

5 o. 1. For the purposes of this subdivision:

6 (a) "Accessible vehicle" shall have the same meaning as defined in
7 section 19-534 of this chapter.

8 (b) "For-hire vehicle base station" shall mean a commission licensed
9 base with a license base number that manages, organizes or dispatches
10 any for-hire vehicle.

11 2. As of the effective date of this subdivision:

12 (a) Any vehicle to be newly placed into service as a for-hire vehicle
13 affiliated with a for-hire vehicle base station to which one thousand
14 two hundred or more for-hire vehicles are affiliated, must be an acces-
15 sible vehicle until such time as the provisions of subparagraph (c) of
16 this paragraph are satisfied.

17 (b) Each for-hire vehicle base station to which one thousand two
18 hundred or more for-hire vehicles are affiliated, shall have no more
19 than ninety days to begin to convert its affiliated vehicles that it
20 replaces or retires to accessible vehicles until five percent of its
21 affiliated vehicles are accessible vehicles.

22 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (b) of this para-
23 graph, by January first, two thousand twenty-two all for-hire vehicles
24 base stations to which one thousand two hundred or more vehicles are
25 affiliated shall, by January first, two thousand twenty-six, convert its
26 affiliated vehicles to accessible vehicles until at least fifty percent
27 of all such vehicles are accessible vehicles.

28 Ninety days after the effective date of this subdivision, for-hire
29 vehicle base stations to which one thousand two hundred or more vehicles
30 are affiliated must submit a plan which shall include a schedule to
31 comply with this subdivision, for the approval of the commission.

32 (d) Beginning on the effective date of this subdivision, a moratorium
33 is hereby placed on the licensing of any new for-hire vehicle base
34 station or for-hire vehicle provided, however, that a for-hire vehicle
35 base station with fewer than one thousand two hundred affiliated vehi-
36 cles may add affiliated vehicles until such base has an additional twen-
37 ty percent of the number of affiliated vehicles it had on the effective
38 date of this subdivision if an environmental impact statement conducted
39 by the New York city department of environmental protection finds that
40 adding such new vehicles will not negatively affect the environment.

41 3. Failure to comply with the provisions of paragraph two of this
42 subdivision shall constitute a violation punishable by a fine of not
43 less than fifty dollars and not more than one hundred fifty dollars per
44 day per car from the date a violation occurred until the date such
45 violation is cured. A violation may also be grounds for revocation or
46 denial of licensing, or renewal thereof, under this chapter.

47 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
48 deemed repealed three years after it shall have become a law.