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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 for-hire vehicle 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 for-hire vehicle recovery act".

§ 2. Notwithstanding any local law to the contrary, any entity issuing for-hire vehicle licenses shall, for a minimum of one year upon the effective date of this act, allow for the renewal of for-hire vehicle licenses which expired during the COVID-19 pandemic, under the same vehicle type requirement that existed at the time of expiration unless the for-hire vehicle owner opts to renew at the current requirement. For-hire vehicle owners seeking a renewal of an expired license during this open window shall not be penalized, such as through additional charges or fees.

§ 3. For the purposes of this act, the COVID-19 pandemic is deemed to have begun upon the issuance of Executive Order 202 on March 7, 2020, and is deemed to have ended upon the expiration of Executive Order 11 after September 12, 2022.

§ 4. For purposes of this act, "for-hire vehicle", "owner", and "vehicle license" shall mean the same as defined by local law or regulation.

§ 5. 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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