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Introduced by M. of A. BURGOS, REYES, SEPTIMO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT establishing the "COVID-19 livery 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 livery 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 livery vehicle licenses which expired during the COVID-19 pandemic, under the same vehicle type requirement that existed at the time of expiration unless the livery vehicle owner opts to renew at the current requirement. Such livery vehicle licenses restored pursuant to this act may not transfer their base affiliation to individuals, partnerships, limited liability companies, business corporations, sole proprietorships, or any combination of one or more such entities operating under, or in affiliation with, one brand or trade name or a common brand, trade, business or operating name, that offers, facilitates, or otherwise connects passengers to for-hire vehicles by prearrangement in the city of New York, utilizing software that allows a passenger or prospective passenger to arrange for transportation using a passenger-facing booking tool, including a smartphone or other electronic device, and that dispatches, or facilitates the dispatching of, 10,000 or more trips in such city in one day. Livery vehicle owners seeking a renewal of an expired license during this open window shall not be penalized, such as through additional charges or fees. Provided further that, notwithstanding the livery vehicle licenses restored pursuant to this act, this act shall

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

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not otherwise affect the ability of the entity issuing for-hire vehicle licenses from setting or regulating the number of for-hire vehicle licenses, nor shall it impair such entity's ability to enter into agreements with for-hire vehicles, including liveries, to transition to hybrid or zero-emission vehicles by 2030.

§ 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", "livery" 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.