

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 27, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring a driver be present in all motor vehicles operated for hire

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 23 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law is amended to read as follows:
3 23. Every motor vehicle operated for hire upon the public highways of
4 this state: (a) shall be equipped with handles or other devices which
5 shall permit the door or doors to the passenger compartment to be readi-
6 ly opened from the interior of the vehicle; and (b) shall not be a vehi-
7 cle operated by an automated driving system without a human driver phys-
8 ically present in such vehicle, seated behind the steering wheel and
9 engaged in the task of driving.
10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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