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Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, JACKSON, PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring that all for-hire vehicles have New York state license plates in order to receive a New York state safety inspection

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

Section 1. Subdivision (b) of section 301 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended to read as follows:

(b) **(1)** The commissioner shall also require the inspection of any motor vehicle duly registered under the laws of another state, a province of Canada, a territory or a federal district to the extent to which such state, province, territory or federal district requires the inspection of motor vehicles duly registered under the laws of this state**; provided, however, that a motor vehicle used to carry passengers for hire in for-hire vans and buses greater than nine passengers capacity have New York state issued license plates to receive a bi-annual New York State DOT safety inspection a for-hire vehicle service under an authorization issued by a municipality shall not be inspected in accordance with the provisions of this section unless such motor vehicle used to carry passengers for hire in a for-hire vehicle is duly registered under the laws of this state**.

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

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

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(A) "for-hire vehicle" shall mean a motor vehicle carrying passengers for hire in New York state, with a seating capacity of nine passengers and above, not including the driver; and

(B) "seating capacity" shall include any plain view location which is capable of accommodating a normal adult as part of an overall seat configuration and design and is likely to be used as a seating position while the vehicle is in motion.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.