



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Pre-considered SLR: S8172/A11467
COMMITTEE: State and Federal Legislation**

Title: AN ACT to amend the New York city charter, in relation to docketing of decisions and orders of the administrative tribunal of the New York city taxi and limousine commission

SPONSOR: Council Member Foster

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This bill would allow the TLC to docket unpaid fines as money judgments against licensed operators which could become liens against the real property of the respondents. Current law only allows unpaid fines to be docketed as money judgments, without court proceedings, when they relate to unlicensed operators. However, the great majority of unpaid TLC fines, both in number and in total amount, are issued to licensed individuals or entities that subsequently evade payment by abandoning their licenses. Those fines can be collected only by means of prohibitively costly and time-consuming Civil Court proceedings. As a result, the respondents can ignore their obligation to pay, depriving the City of much-needed revenue and the TLC of an effective enforcement mechanism. This legislation would address this issue.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act shall take effect immediately after it shall have become law.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: FY 2011

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY10	FY Succeeding Effective FY11	Full Fiscal Impact FY11
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$5,750,000	\$5,750,000
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$5,750,000	\$5,750,000

IMPACT ON REVENUES: The City may see significant additional revenue with the passage of this legislation if new enforcement mechanisms are used effectively to collect outstanding fees/fines. It is estimated that at least \$5.75 million in fines went un-docketed because the law does not allow for collection against licensees who surrender their license. The City may see whole or part of this amount collected in revenue.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: The Department of Finance may have minimal additional administrative expenses.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: The New York City Council Finance Division
Taxi and Limousine Commission

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FIS HISTORY: This is a new bill

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