

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FOR-HIRE VEHICLES

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January 22, 2018
Start: 11:24 a.m.
Recess: 11:46 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.
14th Fl.

B E F O R E: RUBEN DIAZ, SR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joseph C. Borelli
Costa G. Constantinides
Francisco P. Moya
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
Paul A. Vallone

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 [sound check] [pause]

3 CHAIRPERSON DIAZ: It's at three places
4 ad the same time. So, why are we coordinating this
5 committee? It's doing wrongs, no good. It's hurting
6 everybody, and I would like to express my opposition
7 to the way that this committee has been conducted and
8 the waiting time. I'm always in time. In my
9 committee I'm always in time. I would like to be
10 never, never, never late. So today it's almost 11:30
11 and we have other committees that we have missed.
12 Saying that, today we will be voting on two pieces of
13 legislation that will continue to expand the work
14 that this committee has done over the past year to
15 include the for-hire vehicle industry. The first
16 bill Proposed Introduction 1070-A sponsored by
17 Council Member Moya will require the Taxi and
18 Limousine Commission to promulgate rules related to
19 leases, rental and conditional purchase of hire
20 vehicle. This will help increase transparency on
21 these types of transactions and improve the economic
22 wellbeing of drivers in the industry. The second
23 bill, Proposed Introduction 897-A sponsored by
24 Council Member Miller will ensure the overall safe-
25 safety of the people who rely on commuter-commuters

2 van for transportation services by strengthening the
3 licensing requirement—requirements of commuter van
4 drivers and increasing the penalties of those that
5 allow our licensed drivers to use their van. I
6 recommend a yes vote on both of these, and now saying
7 that, would the—would the clerk please call the roll
8 call.

9 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk.
10 Roll call vote Committee on For-Hire Vehicles. Both
11 items are coupled. Chair Diaz.

12 CHAIRPERSON DIAZ: Yes on all.

13 CLERK: Constantinides.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
15 all.

16 CLERK: Rodriguez.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

18 CLERK: Vallone.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

20 CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the
21 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
22 both items have been adopted by the committee.

23 [pause]

24 CHAIRPERSON DIAZ: [coughs] I'm going to
25 leave the roll—the—the hearing open for those members

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2 of the committee that are—that will be late to be
3 able to vote. So, thank you. [pause] Yep.

4 CLERK: Continuation roll call, Committee
5 on For-Hire Vehicles, Introduction 897-A and 1070-A,
6 Council Member Borelli.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: The vote currently stands at 5 in
9 the affirmative. [pause] Committee on For-Hire
10 Vehicles, Council Member Moya.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you. I just
12 wanted to say a few comments bout the bill that was
13 just introduced, and I'm very proud of this bill, and
14 as it would really go to provide drivers with the
15 protection that they need, and not just to work and
16 survive, but to live and thrive in our city. This
17 bill will prevent predatory leases from overwhelming
18 for-hire drivers with mountains of paperwork and
19 really bad deals with subprime leases. It will also
20 do so by allowing the TLC to create a Drivers Bill of
21 Rights that's in line with our recommendations to
22 provide a clear, plain language explanation of the
23 lease, rental or conditional purchase agreements.
24 This legislation is centered on protecting drivers at
25 a time when they are in dire financial positions

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2 toward-to pushing them to grave and tragic decisions.

3 I will continue to work hand-in-hand with the TLC to

4 make sure drivers are protected from predatory

5 dealers, and with that, I vote aye.

6 CLERK: Final vote Committee on For-Hire

7 Vehicles, Introductions 897-A and 1070-A, they're

8 both adopted by the committee 6 in the affirmative, 0

9 on the negative and no abstentions.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: [gavel] Thank

11 you. This meeting is adjourned.

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