



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

PROPOSED INTRO. NO: 521-A

COMMITTEE: Transportation

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to mandatory penalties for taxicab and other drivers.

SPONSORS: Council Members Vacca, Rose, Comrie, James, Seabrook, Williams, Wills, Jackson, Garodnick and Recchia Jr. (by request of the Mayor)

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: The proposed legislation would amend subdivision b of section 19-507 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law 88 of 1989, to require that any driver who has been found to have violated any of the first three paragraphs of subdivision a of section 19-507, or any combination thereof, would be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 (a change from the previous maximum of \$350) for the first offense and not less than \$350 nor more than \$1,000 (a change from the previous maximum of \$500) for a second offense within a twenty-four month period. Also, the Taxi and Limousine Commission ("the Commission") may suspend the driver's license of such driver for a period not to exceed thirty days. The first three paragraphs of subdivision a relate to yellow-cab service refusal, overcharges, and asking for destination before the passenger gets in the car.

In addition, the bill provides that any driver who has been found to have violated any of the first three paragraphs of subdivision a of section 19-507, or any combination thereof, three or more times within a thirty-six month period would be fined not more than one thousand dollars for each such third or subsequent offense, and the Commission would revoke the driver's license of such driver.

Lastly, the penalties for any driver who has been found to have violated paragraph four of subdivision a of section 19-507 remains unchanged: the driver would be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than three hundred fifty dollars for the first offense, and not less than three hundred fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for a second offense within a twenty-four month period. The Commission may suspend the driver's license of such driver for a period not to exceed thirty days. However, the Commission shall revoke the driver's license of any driver who has been found to have violated any of the provisions of paragraph four of this law three or more times within a thirty-six month period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This legislation would take effect immediately after its enactment into law.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2012

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY11	FY Succeeding Effective FY12	Full Fiscal Impact FY12
Revenues (+)	\$12,500	\$150,000	\$150,000
Expenditures(-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$12,500	\$150,000	\$150,000

IMPACT ON REVENUES: In Fiscal 2010, under the current provision, the Commission issued a combined total of 1,524 summonses. Assuming a repeat of the same number of summonses in Fiscal 2010, it is anticipated that the impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation would be approximately \$150,000 annually. The impact on revenue for the remainder of Fiscal 2011 would be \$12,500.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: There would be minimal to no impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: City Council Finance Division
Mayor's Office of Legislative Affairs

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HISTORY: This legislation was introduced as Intro. 521 by the Council on March 23, 2011 and referred to the Committee on Transportation. A hearing was held and the legislation was laid over by the Committee on April 27, 2011. Intro. 521 has been amended, and the amended version, Proposed Int. 521-A, will be considered by the Committee on May 11, 2011.