

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2009**

No. 73

Introduced by Council Members Stewart, James, Gerson, Seabrook, Mealy, Nelson, Palma, Sanders Jr., Reyna, Lappin, Jackson, White Jr., Gennaro, Mitchell, Recchia Jr. and Weprin.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to displaying a passengers' bill of rights in commuter vans.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision b of section 19-537 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

b. Every owner of a taxicab [or], livery *or commuter van* shall post passengers' bill of rights in at least one conspicuous location in the rear passenger compartment of such taxicab [or], livery *or commuter van* in a form and location to be prescribed by commission rule.

§ 2. Subdivisions e and f of section 19-537 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York are relettered as subdivisions f and g, respectively, and a new subdivision e is added to read as follows:

e. The commuter van passengers' bill of rights shall state passengers' rights to:

(1) a vehicle that is in good condition and has passed all required inspections;

(2) a properly licensed driver in good standing, with the commission-issued driver's license information on display;

- (3) *a safe and courteous driver who obeys all traffic laws;*
- (4) *a knowledgeable driver who is familiar with the areas where the van is authorized to provide service;*
- (5) *air conditioning or heat on request;*
- (6) *a quiet trip free of horn honking or radio or other music playing;*
- (7) *clean air, which is smoke and scent free;*
- (8) *working seatbelts;*
- (9) *a clean vehicle, both inside and outside;*
- (10) *be accompanied by a service animal;*
- (11) *a driver who does not use a cell phone (hand-held or hands free) while driving; and*
- (12) *decline to tip for poor service.*

§3. This local law shall take effect ninety days after it is enacted into law.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on ...October 28, 2009..... and approved by the Mayor onNovember 17, 2009.....

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL HOME RULE §27

Pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law §27, I hereby certify that the enclosed Local Law (Local Law 73 of 2009, Council Int. No. 1023-A) contains the correct text and:

Received the following vote at the meeting of the New York City Council on October 28, 2009:
 48 for, 0 against, 0 not voting.
 Was signed by the Mayor on November 17, 2009
 Was returned to the City Clerk on November 17, 2009

JEFFREY D. FRIEDLANDER, Acting Corporation Counsel.