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By Council Members Salamanca and Abreu

A Local Law in relation to establishing a task force to examine reckless driving by tow truck operators

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Task force to examine reckless driving by tow truck operators. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Reckless driving. The term “reckless driving” has the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 1212 of the vehicle and traffic law.

Tow truck. The term “tow truck” means a vehicle that is equipped with a crane, winch, tow bar, push plate or other device designed to pull or push a vehicle or to raise a vehicle or the front or rear end thereof.

Vehicle. The term “vehicle” means a motor vehicle as defined in section 125 of the vehicle and traffic law, a tractor as defined in section 151-a of the vehicle and traffic law or a trailer as defined in section 156 of the vehicle and traffic law.

b. There shall be a task force to examine reckless driving by tow truck operators consisting of the commissioner of consumer and worker protection, the commissioner of transportation and the police commissioner, or the designee of each such commissioner; one member to be appointed by the mayor; and one member to be appointed by the speaker of the council. The commissioner of consumer and worker protection shall serve as chairperson of the task force.

c. Each member of the task force shall serve without compensation. All members shall be appointed within 60 days after the effective date of this local law.

d. No appointed member of the task force shall be removed except for cause by the appointing authority. In the event of a vacancy on the task force during the term of an appointed member, a successor shall be selected in the same manner as the original appointment to serve the balance of the unexpired term.

e. Each member of the task force may designate a representative who shall be counted as a member for the purpose of determining the existence of a quorum and who may vote on behalf of such member, provided that such representative is an officer or employee from the same agency as the designating member. The designation of a representative shall be made by a written notice of the member delivered to the chairperson of the task force prior to the designee participating in any meeting of the task force, but such designation may be rescinded or revised by the member at any time.

f. The mayor may designate one or more agencies to provide staffing and other administrative support to the task force.

g. The task force shall meet at least quarterly and shall submit a report of its recommendations to the mayor and the speaker of the council no later than 12 months after the final member of the task force is appointed. Such report shall include recommendations to address reckless driving and speeding by tow truck operators, including proposed changes to laws, agency rules, agency enforcement practices and traffic safety strategies.

h. The task force shall dissolve upon submission of the report required pursuant to subdivision g of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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