



Legislation Text

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Res. No. 668

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass A.4578 and S.2997, and the Governor to sign into law an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to establishing an intercity bus passenger service permit system in cities having a population of one million or more.

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Whereas, According to Manhattan Community Board No. 4, there are currently several intercity private buses companies, such as Bolt Bus, Megabus, DC2NY, Washington Deluxe, Eastern Travel, Vamoose, AA Bus, Hola Bus and Fung Wah, along with other intercity buses making over 1200 departures per day from New York City to other destinations; and

Whereas, Many intercity buses operate on some of Manhattan's most narrow streets and in heavily residential neighborhoods, creating safety and congestion problems on these streets; and

Whereas, These buses will sometimes violate New York City traffic rules and regulations by standing, parking or idling in Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA") bus stops, which can inhibit disabled users from accessing MTA buses; and

Whereas, City residents have also complained about the impact of intercity buses on neighborhood traffic, claiming that the buses exacerbate congestion by blocking access to and from side streets; and

Whereas, To legislatively address the myriad of problems stemming from the operation of intercity buses within the city, approval from the state is needed; and

Whereas, Currently there are two companion bills before the State Legislature, A.4578 and S.2997, which would give cities with a population of one million or more, such as New York City, the authority to

establish an intercity bus passenger service permit system; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon New York State Legislature to pass A.4578 and S.2997, and the Governor to sign into law, an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law in relation to establishing an intercity bus passenger service permit system in cities having a population of one million or more.

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