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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.

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