



Legislation Text

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By Council Member Rodriguez

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to department of transportation approval for shared moped organizations

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new section 19-176.3 to read as follows:

§ 19-176.3 Shared moped operators. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Moped. The term “moped” means any limited use motorcycle as defined in section 121-b of the vehicle and traffic law or any successor provision that may be registered with the New York state department of motor vehicles.

Shared moped organization. The term “shared moped organization” means a natural person, organization or entity that operates a fleet of shared mopeds available for rent to the public on a short-term basis.

b. The department shall establish procedures for shared moped organizations to apply for approval to operate in the city. Such organizations shall provide any information requested by the department within the timeframes specified by the department. In determining whether to approve a shared moped organization, the department shall review whether such organization has instituted appropriate safety protocols. Appropriate safety protocols shall include, but not be limited to, measures designed to monitor rider compliance with helmet requirements through the submission of photographic or other evidence of rider helmet use.

c. No shared moped organization shall operate a moped in the city without prior written approval of the department of transportation. If any moped is parked or operated on a public street without such approval, it may be impounded and shall not be released until any and all removal charges and storage fees have been paid or a bond has been posted in an amount satisfactory to the commissioner of the agency that impounded such moped. Such agency shall notify the owner of such moped, if known, of such impoundment and the method for claiming such moped. Any such moped not claimed may be disposed of in accordance with applicable law relating to the disposal of abandoned property.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of transportation shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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