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Res. No. 98

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation making it a felony to assault a driver licensed by the Taxi and Limousine Commission.

By Council Members Rodriguez and Brannan

Whereas, The solitary and often cash-based nature of their work make drivers of vehicles licensed by

the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) particularly vulnerable to violence resulting from disgruntled

passengers and robberies; and

Whereas, According to a 2010 United States Department of Labor study, taxi and for-hire vehicle drivers are 20 times more likely than other workers to be murdered on the job; and

Whereas, Several notable assaults on taxi and for-hire vehicle drivers in New York City have occurred

in recent years, including a driver who was punched and slashed with a box cutter in the Bronx in October 2013

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and a driver who was violently hit in the face with a skateboard in Manhattan in June 2014; and

Whereas, Section 120.05 of the New York State Penal Law makes it a felony to assault and injure many different types of professionals who serve the public, including transit workers, traffic enforcement agents, and nurses; and

Whereas, Due to the vulnerable nature of their work, and considering the vital service they provide to the City, TLC-licensed drivers deserve the same protections; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation making it a felony to assault a driver licensed by the Taxi and Limousine

Commission.

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