

Legislation Text

Int. No. 45

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to allowing wheelchair accessible taxicabs to use Express Lanes or High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 5 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding

a new section 19-538, to read as follows:

§ 19-538 Use of express lanes or high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes by taxicabs.

a. Definition. For purposes of this section, "wheelchair accessible taxicabs" means any taxicab

approved for use by the commission that meets the specifications and requirements for accessible vehicles

pursuant to the americans with disabilities act of 1990, as amended, and rules promulgated by the commission.

b. Wheelchair accessible taxicabs shall be allowed to use any street or bridge lanes designated by the department of transportation as an express lane or high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane, regardless of whether such taxicabs are occupied by a passenger.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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