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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that certain for-hire vehicles be equipped with 911 non-voice transmitters linked to a global positioning system.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-502 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as last amended by local law number 115 for the year 1993, is amended by adding thereto new subdivisions x and y to read as follows:

x. “911 non-voice transmitter” shall mean a mechanism which, when activated, silently transmits a signal to the police department’s emergency assistance system.

y. “Global positioning system” shall mean a satellite-based in-vehicle navigation system capable of rapidly identifying a vehicle’s position. Such system shall allow a base station to monitor the locations of its vehicles and shall allow members of the police department, in conjunction with base station operators, to readily identify the location of a vehicle whose driver has activated the 911 non-voice transmitter.

§2. Subdivision a of section 19-504 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as last amended by local law number 115 for the year 1993, is amended by adding thereto a new paragraph three to read as follows:

3. No renewal of a license for a for-hire vehicle, other than a black car or a luxury limousine, shall be issued unless such vehicle is equipped with a driver-accessible 911 non-voice transmitter linked to a global positioning system approved by the commission.

§3. Section 19-508 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as last amended by local law number 86 for the year 1989, is amended by adding thereto a new subdivision c to read as follows:

c. No vehicle may be operated as a for-hire vehicle, other than as a black car or luxury limousine, unless such vehicle is equipped with a driver-accessible 911 non-voice transmitter linked to a global positioning system approved by the commission.

§4. Subdivision d of section 19-511 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 51 for the year 1996, is amended by adding thereto a new paragraph five to read as follows:

5. No base station license shall be renewed where it has been determined three or more times within any twelve-month period that a for-hire vehicle affiliated with the licensee has been operated in violation of subdivision c of section 19-508 of this chapter.

§5. This local law shall take effect thirty days after it is enacted into law.