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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that all newly manufactured taxicabs be accessible to people with disabilities.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter five of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-539 to read as follows:

§ 19-539 Accessibility requirements a. No owner shall place any taxicab manufactured subsequent to the effective date of this section into service for use in New York city, unless such taxicab is designed as an accessible taxicab for people with disabilities.

b. For purposes of this section, "accessible taxicab" shall mean any vehicle that:

1. is equipped with a lift, ramp, or any other device, arrangement or alteration, so that such vehicle is capable of transporting persons with physical disabilities, including those who use wheelchairs, scooters and similar devices while they remain seated in their wheelchairs, scooters or similar devices;

2. complies with the specifications set forth in regulations promulgated under the americans with disabilities act, including amendments, and regulations in effect, if any, at the time approval of said vehicle for taxicab use is granted by the commission;

3. is equipped with an assistive listening system for persons with hearing impairment that is connected with any intercom, video or audio system, when such a system is installed;

4. is equipped with standardized signs printed in: (a) Braille and (b) large-print text in such manner as provided for and adopted by the commission; and

5. provides sufficient floor space to accommodate a service animal.

§2. This local law shall take effect two years after its enactment into law.

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