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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring commercial bicyclists to complete a bicycle safety course.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision e of section 10-157 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 9 for the year 2007, is amended to add a new paragraph 3 as follows:

(3) Each bicycle operator shall be required to complete a bicycle safety course. For purposes of this section, “bicycle safety course” shall mean information provided by the department of transportation, regarding safe bicycling and adherence to traffic and commercial bicycle laws. Such requirement shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) Each bicycle operator shall complete a bicycle safety course prior to operating a bicycle on behalf of a business using a bicycle for commercial purposes;

(ii) Each business using a bicycle for commercial purposes shall indicate on the roster required to be maintained by subdivision d of this section that each bicycle operator employed by such business has completed such bicycle safety course;

(iii) The owner of any business using a bicycle for commercial purposes shall ensure that all bicycle operators employed by such business shall complete such bicycle safety course prior to operating a bicycle on behalf of such business, shall maintain records of such operators’ completion of such bicycle safety course, and shall make such records available for inspection during regular business hours or any other time such business is open for business upon request of an authorized employee of the police department or department of transportation or any other person authorized by law; and

(iv) The commissioner of transportation shall post on the department of transportation’s website the content of the bicycle safety course required by this section on or before the effective date of this section.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect one hundred eighty days after it shall have become law.

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