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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the display of likenesses of missing children in taxis and HAIL vehicles.

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 19-540 to read as follows:

§19-540 Display of likenesses of missing children. a. Upon request of the police department, all taxis and HAIL vehicles that contain a mechanism to display moving images shall display likenesses of missing children and any accompanying information as provided by the police department on such mechanism for the length of time requested by the police department.

b. A violation of this section shall subject the owner of such vehicle to a civil penalty of not less than nor more than fifty dollars provided that not more than one violation may be issued within a twenty-four hour period.

c. It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this section that the mechanism to display moving images was not operational at the time that the request by the police department was made, and that the owner of such vehicle abided by the rules applicable to such mechanism's lack of operation as set forth by the commission and this code; provided however, that such mechanism shall display such likenesses and accompanying information as provided for by this section when the operation of such mechanism resumes.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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