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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting for hire vehicles from charging excessive rates.

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 19-543 to read as follows:

§ 19-543 Prohibition on charging excessive rates. a. No driver of a for-hire vehicle shall charge a fare that is greater than 100 percent higher than the normal range of prices. The normal range of prices shall be determined by identifying the fourth highest rate charged by the base station dispatching such vehicle, on four separate days, during the previous sixty days.

b. Any driver who has been found to have violated subdivision a of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for the first offense. Any driver who has been found in violation of such subdivision for a second time within a twenty-four month period shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than three hundred fifty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, and the commission may suspend the commission issued driver's license of such driver for a period not to exceed thirty days.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment into law, except that the Taxi and Limousine Commission shall take all necessary action, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such effective date.

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