



Legislation Text

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Res. No. 1261

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation requiring trucks to be equipped with windows on the lower portions of their side doors in order to increase the driver's visibility

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Whereas, In 2015, 136 pedestrians and 14 bicyclists were killed in traffic crashes in New York City; and
Whereas, The City has committed to Vision Zero, a multi-faceted plan to eliminate traffic fatalities through better enforcement and education, improved street design, and new street safety legislation; and
Whereas, According to the John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, large truck crashes are more likely to result in a pedestrian or bicyclist fatality than crashes involving passenger vehicles; and

Whereas, Large truck incidents are also more likely to involve side-impact crashes; and
Whereas, Trucks account for 3.6 percent of vehicles on the road in New York City but are responsible for an average of 12.3 percent of pedestrian fatalities and 32 percent of bicyclist fatalities; and
Whereas, In January 2016, the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, announced a proposal to require trucks in London to have windows installed in the lower half of cab doors in order to improve driver visibility, reduce blind spots, and enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists; and

Whereas, In 2011, New York State adopted a law requiring convex mirrors to be placed on the front of large trucks being driven in New York City in order to reduce blind spots and protect pedestrians; and
Whereas, The State should build on this law by requiring all trucks of model year 2017 and newer, as well as any trucks that require the installation of a new side door as a result of a collision, to be equipped with transparent panels in the lower portion of their side doors in order to improve driver visibility and crash

avoidance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation requiring trucks to be equipped with windows on the lower portions of their side doors in order to increase the driver's visibility.

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