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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring studies of safety in the commuter van industry and limiting the number of new commuter van licenses

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-504 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision r to read as follows:

r. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, there shall be no more than 735 licenses for commuter vans. The commission shall not accept new applications for such licenses and shall not issue any such license if such issuance would result in the total number of such licenses exceeding 735; provided, however, that the number of licenses for commuter vans may exceed 735, and the commission may accept applications for and issue licenses for commuter vans in a number exceeding 735, if the commission determines, pursuant to item 12 of section 19-529.7, that there is a need for commuter vans in a number exceeding 735.

§ 2. Chapter 5 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-529.7 to read as follows:

§ 19-529.7 Commuter van safety. Not later than July 1, 2017 and not later than every July 1 thereafter, commission shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and publish on its website a report on safety in the commuter van industry. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information from the previous calendar year:

1. the number of safety-related violations issued by the commission committed by those operating a

commission-licensed commuter van or an unlicensed commuter van;

2. the total number of collisions involving a commission-licensed commuter van, and to the extent known to the commission, such collisions involving an unlicensed commuter van, disaggregated by those resulting in a fatality, critical injury, or injury of any severity;

3. the number of commuter vans, commuter van drivers, and commuter van services licensed or authorized by the commission;

4. the number of unlicensed commuter vans operating, to the extent known to the commission or estimated;

5. the commission's efforts to ensure commuter vans do not operate on bus routes, including, but not limited to, current enforcement efforts and future plans regarding such efforts;

6. the number of commuter vans seized by the commission;

7. the 20 most utilized commuter van corridors;

8. available commuter van ridership, including information on whether commuter vans are being utilized to connect to other mass transit, to the extent known to the commission;

9. the commission's efforts to reduce the number of unlicensed commuter vans operating and future plans regarding such efforts;

10. the number of licenses for commuter vans and commuter van drivers and authorizations for commuter van service that were renewed and rejected, as well as any changes in the number of commuter vans affiliated with each authorized service;

11. a discussion of how commuter van service areas are selected; and

12. whether, in the judgment of the commission, there is a need for commuter vans in a number exceeding the number specified in subdivision r of section 19-504.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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