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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to panic buttons for drivers of taxicabs, street hail liveries and for-hire vehicles

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-508 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision d to read as follows:

d. 1. For purposes of this section, the term "panic button" means a help or distress signaling system as designated by the rules of the commission that connects a driver in distress with the police department.

2. Every taxicab, HAIL vehicle and for-hire vehicle shall have a panic button within reach of the driver's seat.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes a law, except that the taxi and limousine commission shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such date.

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