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By Council Member Yeger and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) (by request of the Queens Borough President)

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring truck owners to verify a renter's identity in person prior to renting a truck

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-175.6 to read as follows:

§ 19-175.6 Truck rental requirements. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Automobile. The term “automobile” means a motor vehicle with four or more wheels that is manufactured primarily for operation on public streets, roads and highways.

Curb weight. The term “curb weight” means the weight of an automobile including all necessary fluids and components but not including drivers, passengers or cargo.

Owner. The term “owner” means a person, or such person’s duly authorized agent, who owns a truck that is rented or offered for rent to a renter.

Passenger automobile. Except as otherwise provided in the definition of truck, the term “passenger automobile” means an automobile manufactured primarily for use in the transportation of not more than 10 individuals.

Renter. The term “renter” means a person who rents a truck, sport utility vehicle or van from an owner.

Truck. The term “truck” means:

1. An automobile that is not a passenger automobile; or

2. An automobile with a curb weight of 6,000 pounds or more.

b. An owner shall not rent a truck to a prospective renter unless the following requirements have been met:

1. The prospective renter possesses a valid driver's license issued under section 501 of the vehicle and traffic law or the laws of another state or country; and

2. The owner has inspected the driver's license of the prospective renter and has compared and verified the signature thereon with the signature of such prospective renter written in the owner's presence.

c. Any person who violates this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$250, imprisonment for not more than ten days, or both.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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