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By Council Member Vallone

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring motor vehicle rental agencies to notify consumers of any damage to a rented vehicle within 72 hours of the return date

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 5 of title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subchapter 22 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 22

MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL AGENCIES

§ 20-841 Notice for vehicle damage required. a. As used in this subchapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Motor vehicle rental agency. The term “motor vehicle rental agency” means any person engaged in the business of renting motor vehicles in the city of New York.

b. A Motor vehicle rental agency shall notify a consumer within 72 hours of receiving a rented motor vehicle from such consumer if such agency intends to seek compensation for damage to such vehicle during the rental period. Such notice shall include the following information:

1. The date and location where such vehicle was returned by the consumer;
2. The year, make, model and license plate number of such vehicle;
3. A description and photo of the damage to such vehicle;
4. An estimate of the cost of the damage; and
5. The relevant contact information where a consumer may seek more information or dispute the

contents of the notice.

c. A motor vehicle rental agency violating this section is liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$250 for the first violation and a civil penalty of not more than \$500 for each succeeding violation.

d. The department may promulgate such rules as it deems necessary to implement and enforce this subchapter.

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

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