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By Council Members Weprin, Comrie, Liu and Jennings (by request of the Mayor)

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the public sale of taxicab licenses.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 5 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-532, to read as follows:

§ 19-532 Public sale of additional taxicab licenses. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commission is hereby authorized to issue additional taxicab licenses, provided, however, that such additional licenses shall be issued only after completion by the commission of such review as may be required by article eight of the New York state environmental conservation law. Such additional licenses shall be issued in a number not to exceed the number of taxicab licenses whose public sale is authorized by New York state law, and shall be fully transferable and subject to the provisions of this chapter and of chapter sixty-five of the New York city charter. The commission shall prescribe by regulation the procedures for the issuance and public sale of such additional licenses, by public auction, sealed bids or other competitive process.

b. Of the total number of taxicab licenses issued by the commission pursuant to this section, at least nine percent shall be issued subject to the requirement that the vehicles operated by or under agreement with the owners of such licenses either be powered by compressed natural gas or be a hybrid electric vehicle, and at least nine percent shall be issued subject to the requirement that the vehicles operated by or under

agreement with the owners of such licenses be fully accessible to persons with disabilities in accordance with standards established by the commission. Provided, however, that if the prices which the commission is able to obtain for the issuance of licenses subject to either of the foregoing requirements does not exceed ninety percent of the average price otherwise obtained by the commission for the issuance of licenses pursuant to this section, the commission is authorized to issue such licenses without such requirement.

c. The terms and conditions for the public sale of licenses pursuant to this section shall explicitly provide that vehicles operated by or under agreement with the owners of such licenses shall be entitled to accept hails from passengers in the street in accordance with section 19-504(a)(1) of this code.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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