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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to removing restrictions on a taxicab operator's choice of a credit/debit card processor.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter five of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-537 to read as follows:

§19-537 Credit/debit cards. a. For the purposes of this section, the term "merchant bank provider" shall mean an entity approved by the New York state banking department and/or the comptroller of the currency of the United States to provide credit/debit card processing services and authorized by the commission to provide such services to enable the in-cab payment of taxicab fares, surcharges, tolls and tips.

b. The commission shall not impose any restrictions on a taxicab driver's ability to choose a merchant bank provider.

c. No individual or business entity that has entered into a contract with, or is otherwise regulated by, the commission shall impose restrictions on a taxicab driver's choice of a merchant bank provider.

d. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, any individual or business entity that violates subdivision c of this section shall be subject to a fine of one thousand dollars for a first violation and a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars for any subsequent violations of subdivision c of this section.

§2. This local law shall take effect thirty days after it is enacted into law.