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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to taxicab driver pay for electronically dispatched taxicab trips

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-502 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new subsections ii through kk to read as follows:

ii. “E-hail” means any hail made by a passenger through an e-hail application.

jj. “E-hail application” means any software program licensed by the commission residing on a smartphone or other electronic device and integrated with the hardware and software required by the commission to be installed in a taxicab or street hail livery which performs one or more of the following functions:

1. Allows a passenger to identify the location(s) of available taxicabs and street hail liveries in a given area and allows a taxicab or street hail livery driver to identify the location of a passenger who is currently ready to travel;
2. Allows a passenger to hail a taxicab or street hail livery via the electronic device;
3. Allows a taxicab or street hail livery driver to receive a hail request from such a passenger if the e-hail application provides for connecting a passenger to a taxicab or street hail livery driver; or
4. Allows for passengers to pay for fares through the e-hail application.

kk. “E-hail application provider” means the vendor of an e-hail application.

§ 2. Chapter 5 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is

amended by adding a new section 19-557 to read as follows:

§ 19-557 Taxicab driver payments on e-hail trips. For all taxicab trips provided by an e-hail application, the e-hail application provider must pay the driver performing the trip no less than an amount equal to the metered rate of fare, as set by the commission, for an equivalent trip of a passenger accepted by street hail.

§ 3. This local law takes effects 90 days after it becomes law.

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