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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to exempting ambulettes from certain bus lane restrictions and allowing them to double park to assist passengers

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 2 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-164.1 to read as follows:

§ 19-164.1 Moving and parking exemptions for ambulettes. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term “ambulette” means a wheelchair accessible van, as defined in section 19-502, which holds a common carrier or contract carrier permit issued by the New York state department of transportation, that is under contract with Medicaid, a healthcare provider, or a senior center, as such term is defined in section 21-201.

b. Exemptions from bus lane restrictions. When bus lane restrictions are in effect on a street, it is not a violation of law for an ambulette to:

1. Drive in such lane; or

2. Park, stop, or stand in such lane while engaged in receiving or discharging a passenger, including the escorting of a passenger from the passenger’s point of origin to the ambulette or from the ambulette to the passenger’s destination, provided that an ambulette so parked, stopped, or standing shall ensure that its hazard lights are on for the duration such ambulette is parked, stopped, or standing.

c. Temporary double parking allowed. An ambulette may double park while engaged in receiving or discharging a passenger, including the escorting of a passenger from the passenger’s point of origin to the ambulette or from the ambulette to the passenger’s destination, provided that an ambulette so double parked

shall ensure that its hazard lights are on for the duration such ambulance is double parked.

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

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