

Plain Language Summary

Current Introduction Number:

Int. No. 2432

Prime Sponsors:

Council Members Brannan and Lander

Bill Title:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the licensing and use of autonomous vehicles as taxis

Bill Summary:

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This bill would require the Taxi and Limousine Commission to make rules regulating the use of autonomous vehicles as taxis, particularly with respect to licensing, safety, vehicle standards, reporting of trip and fare information, and insurance.

Effective Date:

Immediately

Legislative Impact:

- Agency Rulemaking Required:** Is City agency rulemaking required?
- Report Required:** Is a report due to Council required?
- Sunset Date Included:** Does the legislation have a sunset date?
- Council Appointment Required:** Is an appointment by the Council required?
- Other Appointment Required:** Are other appointments not by the Council required?

Note: In the full bill text online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language in proposed consolidated laws that is enclosed by [brackets] would be deleted, and language that is underlined would be new. Language in proposed unconsolidated laws, in contrast, will not have brackets or underlining because it would be entirely new. Consolidation means that the law is placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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By Council Members Brannan and Lander

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Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

1 Section 1. Chapter 5 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is
2 amended by adding a new section 19-557 to read as follows:

3 § 19-557 Autonomous taxis; rules. a. All vehicles licensed by the commission must be
4 operated by a human driver at all times, and no autonomous vehicle shall be licensed by the
5 commission to provide transportation for hire, unless and until the commission establishes a
6 license for the use of an autonomous vehicle pursuant to subdivision b of this section. The
7 commission shall not license any autonomous vehicle to provide transportation for hire unless that
8 vehicle is a taxi.

9 b. Before licensing an autonomous vehicle as a taxi, the commission shall establish a
10 license for use of an autonomous vehicle as a taxi and shall promulgate rules regarding such license
11 and the operation of autonomous taxis. In promulgating such rules, the commission shall at a
12 minimum set requirements for the following:

13 1. The process for issuing a license to use an autonomous vehicle as a taxi;

14 2. The issuance of such licenses to owners of taxicab medallions;

15 3. The number of such licenses to be issued and any restrictions on the number of licenses
16 that may be issued to any one person or entity;

17 4. The safety standards for use of an autonomous vehicle as a taxi;

18 5. The insurance required to use an autonomous vehicle as a taxi;

1 6. The reporting to the commission of trip and revenue data, including the pickup and drop-
2 off location, mileage, and fare for each trip;

3 7. The vehicle standards for such autonomous vehicles, including whether the vehicle is a
4 wheelchair accessible vehicle or a low- or zero-emission vehicle; and

5 8. Such other rules as the commission considers to be necessary for the safe and orderly
6 use of an autonomous vehicle as a taxi.

7 c. The commission shall deny an application for a license for use of an autonomous vehicle
8 as a taxi if such vehicle or applicant does not comply with the rules of the commission and, after
9 due notice and an opportunity to be heard, may suspend or revoke a license for failure to comply
10 with such rules.

11 § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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