

By Council Members Cabrera and Diaz

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to repealing the critical driver program and amending the persistent violators program relating to drivers of taxicabs and for-hire vehicles

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph 1 of subdivision a of section 19-507.1 of the administrative code of
2 the city of New York, as amended by local law number 51 for the year 2016, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 a. (1) Any taxicab or for-hire vehicle driver may attend a remedial or refresher course
5 approved by the commission. Upon presentation to the commission of proof of satisfactory
6 completion of a commission-approved course by such driver, three points shall be deducted from
7 the number of points assessed under the persistent violators program against his or her
8 commission-issued driver's license, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph. A taxicab or
9 for-hire vehicle driver shall be eligible for a point reduction pursuant to this subdivision only
10 once within a [five-year] three-year period. In the event no such approved course is available at
11 the time such driver seeks to enroll, such driver may take a [course provided for in paragraph one
12 of subdivision c of section 19-507.2 of this chapter] motor vehicle accident prevention course
13 approved by the department of motor vehicles. In such instance, completion of a course taken
14 pursuant to this paragraph [or pursuant to paragraph one of subdivision c of section 19-507.2]
15 shall result in the removal of three points from [either] the number of points accrued under the
16 persistent violators program [or from the number of points accrued under the critical drivers
17 program, but not from both, upon the election of the driver who completes such course].

1 §2. Subdivision e of section 19-507.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York,
2 as amended by local law number 51 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. A taxicab or for-hire vehicle driver shall not be subject to an assessment of points
4 against his or her commission-issued driver's license or the imposition of duplicate penalties
5 where the same act is a violation under provisions of law other than commission rules and where
6 such violations duplicate each other or are substantively the same and any such driver may be
7 issued only one summons or notice of violation for such violation. [Points assessed pursuant to
8 section 19-507.2 of this chapter may, pursuant to subdivisions i and j of this section, be added to
9 points assessed by the commission under this section for violations of commission rules.]

10 §3. Subdivision i of section 19-507.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York,
11 as amended by local law number 51 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

12 i. Any taxicab or for-hire vehicle driver who has been found guilty of violations such that
13 six or more points but fewer than ten points in total have been assessed within any fifteen-month
14 period against his or her commission-issued driver's license pursuant to this section and against
15 the driver license issued to such taxicab or for-hire vehicle driver by the department of motor
16 vehicles or an equivalent licensing agency of the driver's state of residence [pursuant to section
17 19-507.2 of this chapter] and whose commission-issued driver's license has not been revoked
18 shall have his or her commission-issued driver's license suspended for up to thirty days;
19 provided, however, that only points assessed against a commission-issued driver's license for
20 violations that threaten the safety of passengers or any other persons, as specified by rule of the
21 commission, may be applied for purposes of this subdivision.

22 §4. Subdivision j of section 19-507.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York,
23 as amended by local law number 51 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

1 j. Any taxicab or for-hire vehicle driver who has been found guilty of violations such that
2 ten or more points in total have been assessed within any fifteen-month period against his or her
3 commission-issued driver's license pursuant to this section and against the driver's license issued
4 to such taxicab or for-hire vehicle driver by the department of motor vehicles or an equivalent
5 licensing agency of the driver's state of residence [pursuant to section 19-507.2 of this chapter]
6 shall have his or her commission-issued driver's license revoked; provided, however, that only
7 points assessed against a commission-issued driver's license for violations that threaten the safety
8 of passengers or any other persons, as specified by rule of the commission, may be applied for
9 purposes of this subdivision.

10 § 5. Section 19-507.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York is REPEALED.

11 § 6. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law, except that the taxi and
12 limousine commission shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this
13 local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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