

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 1998**

No. 35

Introduced by Council Member Dear.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to exempting rental companies from liability for taxi and limousine commission violations committed with their vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision b of section 19-506 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by numbering the existing subdivision as paragraph 1 and by adding a new paragraph 2 to read as follows:

2. *Where a violation of this chapter or any rules promulgated thereunder is committed using a vehicle which is owned by a rental vehicle company and has been rented or leased by such rental vehicle company, it shall be an affirmative defense that the rental vehicle company did not know or have any reason to know that the person to whom it was rented or leased would operate or offer to operate for hire such vehicle as a taxicab, coach, wheelchair accessible van or for-hire vehicle in the city. For purposes of this subdivision, a "rental vehicle company" shall be defined as any person or organization or any subsidiary or affiliate, including a franchisee, in the business of providing rental vehicles to the public.*

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on July 15, 1998, and approved by the Mayor on August 4, 1998.

CARLOS CUEVAS, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW § 27

Pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law § 27, I hereby certify that the enclosed Local Law (Local Law 35 of 1998, Council Int. No. 104-A) contains the correct text and:

Received the following vote at the meeting of the New York City Council on July 15, 1998: 39 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 1 NOT VOTING.

Was returned signed by the Mayor on August 4, 1998.

Was returned to the City Clerk on August 5, 1998.

JEFFREY D. FRIEDLANDER, Acting Corporation Counsel