



State Reciprocity Statute

Proposed TLC Rules

Office of the First Deputy Commissioner

Introduction and Background



- Scenario prior to November 14
 - NYC TLC Licensed For-Hire Vehicles (FHV) – Tier 1
 - Could operate on a pre-arranged basis, point-to-point within New York City.
 - NYC TLC Permitted FHV – Tier 2
 - Could pick-up passengers, on a pre-arranged basis, within New York City for final destinations outside of the City.
 - Extremely limited safety and licensing standards
 - All vehicles could drop-off passengers in New York City or transit through New York City.
 - Nassau County required registration with the County TLC.

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- Current scenario under State Vehicle and Traffic Law
 - NYC TLC Licensed For-Hire Vehicles (FHV)
 - Can operate on a pre-arranged basis, point-to-point within New York City.
 - Vehicles and drivers licensed by a qualified licensing jurisdiction
 - Can pick-up passengers, on a pre-arranged basis, within any licensing jurisdiction for final destinations elsewhere.
 - All vehicles can drop-off passengers in a licensing jurisdiction, transit through, or do a continuous trip.

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- Overview of Reciprocity Statute
 - State has established minimum safety and licensing standards for prearranged for-hire transportation
 - How does a licensing jurisdiction qualify?
 - Must meet the requirements of the statute
 - Must be included in the reciprocity law
 - Original intent of the bill was to be statewide
 - Must notify the other licensing jurisdictions

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- Requirements of Reciprocity Statute
 - Licensing jurisdiction requirements
 - Share information with other licensing jurisdictions
 - Act on information provided by other jurisdictions
 - Vehicle licensing requirements
 - Display of license
 - Annual vehicle inspection
 - Maintain a trip log

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- Requirements of Reciprocity Statute
 - Driver licensing requirements
 - Display or availability of license
 - Defensive driving course
 - Drug test
 - Criminal background check
 - “Persistent Violator” type program
 - NYC TLC currently meets or exceeds all driver licensing requirements
 - Westchester – expected to meet requirements
 - Nassau and its localities do NOT meet all requirements

Moving Forward



- Proposed TLC reciprocity rules will ensure that NYC is a qualified licensing jurisdiction
 - Clarify current rules and practice to match reciprocity law requirements
 - Set clear penalties for violating reciprocity law requirements
 - Establish rights and privileges of reciprocity for licensees of qualified licensing jurisdictions

Moving Forward



- Westchester expected to qualify
- Nassau NOT expected to qualify immediately
 - NYC working with Nassau County, localities and state legislature to address concerns while maintaining standards
- Proposed TLC rules published in the City Record in early October
 - Public hearing today



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