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### TLC REMINDS LIVERY VEHICLE OWNERS OF THE NEED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAWS PURSUANT TO WINDOW TINTING

In an effort to further enhance the safety of for-hire vehicle drivers, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) reminds all livery vehicle owners of the State Vehicle and Traffic Law's (VTL) specification of a minimum amount of light transmittal for all vehicles with tinted windows.

Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 375 12(b)(1) through (4) states: (b) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any public highway, road or street: (1) the front windshield of which is composed of, covered by or treated with any materials which has a light transmittance of less than seventy percent unless such materials are limited to the uppermost six inches of the windshield; or (2) the sidewings or side windows of which on either side forward of or adjacent to the operator's seat are composed of, covered by or treated with any material which has a light transmittance of less than seventy percent; or (3) if it is classified as a station wagon, sedan, hardtop, coupe, hatchback or convertible and any side rear window has a light transmittance of less than seventy percent; or (4) the rear window of which is composed of, covered by or treated with any material which has a light transmittance of less than seventy percent. A rear window may have a light transmittance of less than seventy percent if the vehicle is equipped with side mirrors on both sides of the vehicle so adjusted that the driver thereof shall have a clear and full view of the road and condition of traffic behind such vehicle.

In addition to their being prevented by law, tinted windows that allow a light transmittance of less than 70 percent pose a potential safety risk for drivers because they prevent a clear view of the vehicle's interior by police officers and others.