



NEW YORK CITY TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

# NY State Livery (LA) Plates

## Research and Enforcement Efforts by the Taxi and Limousine Commission

Office of the First Deputy Commissioner  
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# Introduction and Background



- TLC Vehicle License Vs. Vehicle Permit
  - Licensed For-Hire Vehicles (FHVs) – “Tier 1”
    - Can operate on a pre-arranged basis, point-to-point within the City of New York.
  - Permitted FHVs – “Tier 2”
    - Can pick-up passengers, on a pre-arranged basis, within the City of New York for final destinations outside of the City.

# Introduction and Background



- Licensed FHV's - T&LC Embossed Vs. Livery Embossed Plates

- T&LC Embossed Plates

- Makes up 80%-85% of Tier 1 FHV's



- Livery Embossed Plates

- Makes up 10% of Tier 1 FHV's



# Key Questions and Issues



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- Recent issues raised regarding TLC licensed livery plate FHV's:
  - Anecdotal evidence indicates a rise in the total number over the past several years.
  - Questions:
    - Are they allowed to operate as TLC licensed FHV's?
    - Why would they be proliferating?

# Key Questions and Issues



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- Are livery plate vehicles allowed to operate as TLC licensed FHV's?
  - Currently, no TLC Rule prohibits the use of livery plates, or requires the use of T&LC embossed plates for licensed FHV's.
  - Vehicles which meet all Rule requirements can obtain a TLC FHV license.

# Research and Follow-up



- Insurance Issues
  - Focus on FHV Licensees
  - Focus on FHV Bases
  - Focus on Insurance Companies

# Addressing the Problems



- CMVT Issues
  - Since Spring 2005, the TLC has provided DOF with monthly lists of all non-T&LC plate vehicles with TLC FHV Licenses.
  - DOF has added over 1000 vehicles.

# Next Steps



- Continued research into insurance issues.
- Focusing on TLC-licensed bases with large numbers of affiliated livery plate vehicles.
- Working with Insurance Companies:

# Next Steps



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- Closing the loophole – Staff Proposed TLC Rule Change:
  - Require that TLC Licensed FHV use T&LC embossed plates from NYS DMV.
  - 6-12 (e) (3)
    - A for-hire vehicle for which a for-hire vehicle license is issued or renewed on or after XXXX, 2006, must have New York State license plates affixed to the vehicle that are embossed with the legend “T & LC.”



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