



# Local Laws Regarding Clean and Accessible Vehicles

Review of New Legislation

Office of the First Deputy Commissioner

# Introduction and Background



- June 2006
  - City Council introduced 11 TLC bills.
  - Focused on accessible and clean air taxicabs and for-hire vehicles.
  - TLC testified at Transportation Committee hearing and offered initial comments.

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- Fall/Winter 2006
  - City Council and Administration began detailed discussions regarding proposals.
  - 4 revised bills introduced and passed by the Council on December 6.
  - Mayor signs bills on December 18.

# Overview



- Intro 158-A: Taxicab retirement incentives
- Intro 352-A: Plan for clean and accessible vehicles
- Intro 353-A: Insignia for clean air vehicles
- Intro 354-A: Insignia for accessible vehicles

# Key Provisions of the Bills



- 158-A – Taxicab retirement incentives
  - Establishes Level 1 and Level 2 clean air standards.
  - Level 1 and accessible taxicabs eligible for two-year retirement extensions.
  - Level 2 taxicabs eligible for one-year retirement extensions.
  - Extensions can be based on performance during Safety and Emission inspections.

# Key Provisions of the Bills



- 352-A – Clean and accessible plan
  - TLC will develop a plan to increase the use of clean air and accessible vehicles.
  - Plan shall include milestones and an educational campaign for licensees.
  - Staff intent is to integrate this with Taxi 07 and Taxicab Master Plan.

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- 353-A - Insignia for clean air vehicles
  - Requires clean air taxicabs and for-hire vehicles to display insignias designated by the Commission.
  - Information about “cleanliness” of clean air taxicabs will be made available for passenger viewing.
- 354-A - Insignia for accessible vehicles
  - Requires accessible taxicabs and for-hire vehicles to display insignias designated by the Commission.
- Both bills should be integrated into NYC Marketing efforts to “brand” the taxicab.

# Implementation



- Mayoral bill signing on December 18.
- Effective approximately 120 days later:
  - 158-A, 353-A, 354-A
  - Mid-April 2007
- Effective approximately 180 days later:
  - 352-A (adoption of a plan)
  - Mid-June 2007

# Implementation



- Rulemaking required prior to effective dates (158-A, 353-A, 354-A).
- Development of a plan requires input from Commission, agency staff, regulated industries, advocates.
- Coordination with results of Taxi 07, Taxicab Master Plan, and NYC Marketing efforts are essential.

# Next Steps



- Continue rulemaking process.
- Commission review of NYC Marketing design proposals.
- Establish working group for clean air and accessible vehicles plan.



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