DRIVER AND VEHICLE OWNER RULE UPDATES
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NYC
Taxi & Limousine Commission
OBJECTIVE

Review all driver and vehicle owner rules and identify those rules that should be updated to reflect the modern for-hire industry

Proposals reviewed to ensure no impact on safety or consumer protection.
OVERVIEW

License application bans
Taxicab vehicle retirements
Black car retirements
Driver license renewal extensions
Double-shifting requirement
Critical Driver and Persistent Violator
Power seats in taxicabs
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APPLICATION BANS

Driver application bans established in 2011.

Purpose was to avoid repeated submission of applications and fees by applicants not fit for licensure.
1-YEAR BAN

Three or more crashes within a single year

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Prior failed TLC drug test

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*Ban of one year from date application denied*
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Ban of one year from date previous application submitted to TLC
2-YEAR BAN

Driving for-hire without a TLC license

Six or more TLC violations with a previous TLC license
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Review on a case-by-case basis
3-YEAR BAN

Driving TLC-licensed vehicle while impaired

Bribery, fraud, theft, threats, harassment, etc.

Possession of a weapon in TLC-licensed vehicle

Revocation of a prior TLC license
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- Violation(s)
- Conviction
- Revocation
- 3 years
- New Appl.
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May apply anytime after 1 year IF no more than 3 points in the preceding three years
Currently, rules tie retirement schedules to the assumed operation of each class of taxicab. However, distinctions between classes have faded.
TAXICAB RETIREMENTS

Current Retirement Schedules

- 3 yrs: 10%
- 4 yrs: 14%
- 5 yrs: 17%
- 6 yrs: 4%
- 7 yrs: 55%

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TAXICAB RETIREMENTS

Other considerations:

Rigorous inspection process ensures vehicles meet emissions standards and continue to provide safe and comfortable service

Does not impact getting to 50% accessibility by 2020
Since 2008, TLC rules have imposed a retirement schedule on Black Cars.

However, market forces incentivize vehicle owners to replace their vehicles at a rate that satisfies customer demands.
BLACK CAR RETIREMENT

The proposed rule repeal the vehicle retirement schedule for all Black Cars model 2013 and newer.

The proposed rules would set a uniform 7-year retirement for all Black Cars model year 2012 and older.
OTHER CHANGES

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QUESTIONS?