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Peter Meitzler

Dear Mr. Meitzler:

Your email to the website of the Office of the Attorney General was forwarded to me for response. You have asked whether the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs is authorized to flag or suspend a pedicab license for which an out-of-state driver license is presented in an application for renewal.

We consider your email to be a request for opinion. The Attorney General renders two kinds of opinions. Formal opinions are issued to state departments and agencies in his capacity as chief legal officer of the State. Informal opinions are issued to local governments, upon the request of the municipal attorney, regarding questions of municipal authority to act under state law. Your question does not fall within either of these categories. We therefore decline to render an opinion in response to your request.

Additionally, insofar as your question implicates provisions of local law, please be advised that we do not render opinions interpreting local laws. Such matters are more appropriately determined by local officials, who are more likely to be familiar with the conditions underlying the enactment, and thus the purpose of the local law. In contrast, our informal opinions address the authority of municipalities to act under state law.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathryn Sheingold".

KATHRYN SHEINGOLD
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