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**COUNCIL MEMBER HELEN ROSENTHAL SUBMITS LEGISLATION REQUEST FOR TAXI
DRIVERS WHOSE "FAILURE TO YIELD" TO PEDESTRIANS/BIKERS RESULTS IN SERIOUS
INJURY OR DEATH**

On February 14, 2014 Council Member Helen Rosenthal submitted a request for legislation asking for change to the City's Administrative Code regulating the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission. The legislation requires mandatory license suspension and investigation for any taxi driver who kills or seriously injures a pedestrian or biker. If the outcome of the investigation determines that the driver is guilty of "failure to yield," the driver's TLC license would be automatically and permanently revoked.

The current law penalizes a taxi driver who kills or seriously injures pedestrians due to failure to yield by adding points to his license and requiring payment of a small fine. If the taxi driver has fewer than six total points on their license, he can get back on the road immediately.

The proposed legislation follows the three pedestrian deaths in January 2014 that occurred on the Upper West Side. Cooper Stock, age 9, was struck and killed by a taxi driver on January 10, 2014 while crossing the street at West 97th Street and West End Avenue with his father.

Below is the official language used in Council Member Rosenthal's LS request: *A local law to amend the Administrative Code of New York in relation to the automatic suspension and investigation, and pending the outcome of the investigation, if found a serious injury or death occurred as a result of failure to yield, the driver's TLC license will be automatically revoked.*

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