

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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To amend the Department of For-Hire Vehicles Act of 1985 to transfer fee collection duties from the Office of Compliance and Enforcement to the Office of Client Services, to transfer auditing responsibilities from the Office of Compliance and Enforcement to the Office of the Director, to clarify the responsibilities of the Office of Hearings and Conflict Resolution, and to make other clarifying amendments; and to amend the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to provide that a community representative of the For-Hire Vehicle Advisory Council shall be entitled to compensation of \$50 per meeting up to a maximum of \$1,350 per annum.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Omnibus Department of For-Hire Vehicles Amendment Act of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Department of For-Hire Vehicles Establishment Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code § 50-301.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 4(17) (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.03(17)) is amended by striking the word “drivers” and inserting the word “operator” in its place.

(b) Section 7(a) (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.06(a)) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1) is amended as follows:

(A) Subparagraph (G) is repealed.

(B) A new subparagraph (G-i) is added to read as follows:

“(G-i) Auditing public vehicle-for-hire companies and payment service providers to the extent authorized by this act, and regulations issued pursuant to this act,

31 including review of vehicle records to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements, and  
32 private vehicle-for-hire companies to the extent authorized by section 20j-7(b).”.

33 (2) Paragraph (3) is amended as follows:

34 (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the word “taxicab” in  
35 inserting the phrase “public vehicle-for-hire” in its place.

36 (B) Subparagraph (E) is amended by striking the word “and” at the end.

37 (C) Subparagraph (F) is amended by striking the period and inserting a  
38 semicolon in its place.

39 (D) New subparagraphs (G) and (H) are added to read as follows:

40 “(G) Collecting fees to recover the actual costs of producing and  
41 distributing official DFHV vehicle decals, stickers, and information placards; and

42 “(H) Collecting any other fees authorized and collected pursuant to this  
43 act.”.

44 (3) Paragraph (4) is amended as follows:

45 (A) Subparagraphs (A), (C), and (D) are repealed.

46 (B) Subparagraph (F) is amended by striking the phrase “hack inspections”  
47 and inserting the phrase “vehicle-for-hire inspections” in its place.

48 (4) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the phrase “industry.” and inserting the  
49 phrase “industry, and all complaints lodged against vehicle inspection officers.” in its place.

50 (c) Section 8 (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.07) is amended by striking the word “driver”  
51 both times it appears and inserting the word “operator” in its place.

52 (d) Section 16 (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.15) is amended as follows:

53 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the word “taxicab” and inserting the  
54 word “vehicle-for-hire” in its place.

55 (2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the word “drivers” and inserting the  
56 word “operators” in its place.

57 (e) Section 19 (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.18) is amended as follows:

58 (1) Strike the phrase “to taxicabs contained” and insert the phrase “governing the  
59 vehicle-for-hire industry contained” in its place.

60 (2) Strike the phrase “taxicabs, including” and insert the phrase “the vehicle-for-  
61 hire industry, including” in its place.

62 (f) Section 20a(b) (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.20(b) is amended as follows:

63 (1) Subparagraph (B) is amended by striking the phrase “owners of licensed  
64 taxicabs” and inserting the phrase “owners and operators of vehicles-for-hire” in its place.

65 (2) Subparagraph (D) is amended as follows:

66 (A) Strike the phrase “owners of licensed taxicabs” and insert the phrase  
67 “owners and operators of vehicles-for-hire” in its place.

68 (B) Strike the phrase “directing licensed taxicabs” and insert the phrase  
69 “directing vehicles-for-hire” in its place.

70 (g) Section 20f (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.25) is amended as follows:

71 (1) Subsection (e) is amended by striking the word “drivers” and inserting the  
72 word “operators” in its place.

73                   (2) Subsection (f)(2) is amended by striking the word “driver” and inserting the  
74 word “operator” in its place.

75                   (h) Section 20f-2(b) (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.25b(b)) is amended by striking the  
76 word “driver’s” and inserting the word “operator’s” in its place.

77                   (i) Section 20j (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.29) is amended as follows:

78                   (1) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

79                                 (A) Strike the word “driver” and insert the word “operator” in its place.

80                                 (B) Strike the word “drivers” wherever it appears and insert the word  
81 “operators” in its place.

82                   (2) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the word “driver” and inserting the  
83 word “operator” in its place.

84                   (j) Section 20j-1(4)(K) (D.C. Official Code 50-301.29a(4)(K)) is amended by striking the  
85 word “driver’s” and inserting the word “operator’s” in its place.

86                   (k) Section 20l(b)(8) (D.C. Official Code 50-301.31(b)(8)) is amended by striking the  
87 word “drivers” and inserting the word “operators” in its place.

88                   (l) Section 20m (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.32) is amended as follows:

89                                 (1) Paragraph (2A) is repealed.

90                                 (2) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the phrase “operator against” and  
91 inserting the phrase “operator or vehicle inspection officer against” in its place.

92                                 (3) Paragraphs (3A) and (3B) are repealed.

**ENGROSSED ORIGINAL**

93           Sec. 3. Section 1108(c-2) of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit  
94 Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Official Code § 1-611.08  
95 (c-2)), is amended by adding a new paragraph (4) to read as follows:

96           “(4) Community representatives of the For-Hire Vehicle Advisory Council shall be  
97 entitled to compensation of \$50 per meeting, up to a maximum of \$1,350 per member per  
98 annum.”.

99           Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

100           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
101 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
102 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

103           Sec. 5. Effective date.

104           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
105 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
106 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
107 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
108 Columbia Register.