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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary basis, the Department of For-Hire Vehicles Establishment Act of 1985 to authorize the Department of For-Hire Vehicles to enforce traffic laws against carrier-for-hire vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Department of For Hire Vehicles Delivery Vehicle Traffic Enforcement Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2022”.

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 (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.03) is amended as follows:

(1) A new paragraph (3A) is added to read as follows:

“(3A) “Carrier-for-hire” means a class of transportation service by which a network of private operators, couriers, or carriers provide transportation of parcels, food, or beverages in the District for compensation.”.

(2) Paragraph (30B) is amended as follows:

(A) Strike the phrase “regulations governing public and private

35 vehicle-for-hire service” and inserting the phrase “regulations governing public and private
36 vehicle-for-hire and carrier-for-hire service,” in its place.

37 (B) Strike the phrase “traffic stops of public and private vehicles-for-
38 hire, pursuant to protocol prescribed” and insert the phrase “traffic stops of public and
39 private vehicles-for-hire and carrier-for-hire vehicles, pursuant to protocol prescribed” in its
40 place.

41 (b) Section 8 (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.07) is amended as follows:

42 (1) Subsection (b-1) is amended as follows:

43 (A) The existing language is designated as paragraph (1).

44 (B) A new paragraph (2) is added to read as follows:

45 “(2) The vehicle inspection officers described in subsection (b-1) of this section
46 may make traffic stops of a carrier-for-hire vehicle, pursuant to the protocol prescribed by
47 the DFHV.”.

48 (2) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

49 (A) Paragraph (19) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and
50 inserting a semicolon in its place.

51 (B) A new paragraph (19A) is added to read as follows:

52 “(19A) Establish rules relating to the enforcement of traffic regulations
53 against carrier-for-hire vehicles; and”.

54 (c) Section 20k(a) (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.30(a)) is amended as follows:

55 (1) Strike the phrase “shall undergo training on the rules and regulations
56 governing private and public vehicles-for-hire and undergo” and insert the phrase “shall
57 undergo training on the rules and regulations governing private and public vehicles-for-hire
58 and carriers-for-hire and undergo” in its place.

59 (2) Strike the phrase “inspection officers shall be prohibited from making

60 traffic stops of on-duty private or public vehicles-for-hire in the act of transporting a fare,
61 unless there is reasonable suspicion of a violation” and insert the phrase “inspection officers
62 shall be prohibited from making traffic stops of on-duty private or public vehicles-for-hire in
63 the act of transporting a fare, or a carrier-for-hire in the act of transporting a parcel, food,
64 or beverage, unless there is reasonable suspicion of a violation” in its place.

65 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

66 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal
67 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
68 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

69 Sec. 4. Effective date.

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

75 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.