

HOUSE BILL 1378

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CF SB 676

By: **Delegate Schuh**

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2010

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **For-Hire Driving Services – Temporary For-Hire Driver’s Licenses and**
3 **Operator’s Dress Code**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to issue to a certain
5 applicant a temporary for-hire driver’s license and, if applicable, a badge for a
6 certain period immediately on receipt of a completed application in which the
7 applicant has included certain information regarding certain felony and
8 misdemeanor convictions, a certain application fee, and a certain certified
9 driver’s record; providing that a certain temporary for-hire driver’s license shall
10 expire at the earlier of a certain time if the Commission has not received a
11 certain criminal history records check under certain circumstances, on the date
12 of issuance or denial of a for-hire driver’s license, or on a certain date; requiring
13 an individual who operates a motor vehicle for hire or a taxicab to comply with a
14 certain dress code while operating the motor vehicle for hire or taxicab under
15 certain circumstances; and generally relating to for-hire driving services.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – Public Utility Companies
18 Section 10-101(a) and (d)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Article – Public Utility Companies
23 Section 10-107
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

26 BY adding to
27 Article – Public Utility Companies
28 Section 10-302

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
4 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

5 **Article – Public Utility Companies**

6 10–101.

7 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

8 (d) “For–hire driver’s license” includes:

9 (1) a passenger–for–hire license; and

10 (2) a taxicab driver’s license.

11 10–107.

12 (A) The Commission [may] **SHALL** issue **TO AN APPLICANT** a temporary
13 license and, if applicable, a badge to an applicant [for a period not exceeding 30 days]
14 **IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF:**

15 (1) **A COMPLETED FOR–HIRE DRIVER’S LICENSE APPLICATION IN**
16 **WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS INDICATED THAT THE APPLICANT HAS HAD NO**
17 **FELONY CONVICTIONS WITHIN THE LAST 10 YEARS AND NO MISDEMEANOR**
18 **CONVICTIONS WITHIN THE LAST 3 YEARS;**

19 (2) **THE APPLICATION FEE FOR A FOR–HIRE DRIVER’S LICENSE**
20 **SET BY THE COMMISSION; AND**

21 (3) **THE REQUIRED CERTIFIED DRIVER’S RECORD.**

22 (B) **THE TEMPORARY LICENSE SHALL EXPIRE AT THE EARLIER OF:**

23 (1) **30 DAYS, IF THE COMMISSION HAS NOT RECEIVED THE**
24 **CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK REQUIRED UNDER § 10–104(A)(1)(V) OF**
25 **THIS SUBTITLE;**

26 (2) **THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OR DENIAL OF A FOR–HIRE DRIVER’S**
27 **LICENSE; OR**

28 (3) **45 DAYS.**

1 **10-302.**

2 **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OPERATES A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE OR A**
3 **TAXICAB UNDER A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL COMPLY WITH**
4 **THE FOLLOWING DRESS CODE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE**
5 **OR TAXICAB:**

6 **(1) PANTS OR NONCUTOFF SHORTS THAT ARE NEAT, CLEAN, AND**
7 **IN GOOD CONDITION; AND**

8 **(2) A SHIRT THAT IS NEAT, CLEAN, AND IN GOOD CONDITION.**

9 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
10 **October 1, 2010.**