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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D.C. LAW 12-75

"Taxicab Commission Hearing Examiner Amendment Act of 1997"

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P.L. 93-198 "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 12-253, on first and second readings, November 4, 1997 and December 4, 1997, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on December 22, 1997, pursuant to Section 404(e) of "the Act", and was assigned Act No. 12-230, and published in the January 23, 1998, edition of the D.C. Register (Vol. 45 page 384) and transmitted to Congress on January 29, 1998 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 12-75, effective March 24, 1998.

LINDA W. CROPP Chairman of the Council

<u>Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:</u>

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D.C. ACT 12-230

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DECEMBER 22, 1997

To amend the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985 to authorize hearing examiners to hear and decide complaints against taxicab owners, operators, companies, associations, fleets, and radio dispatch operations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Taxicab Commission Hearing Examiner Amendment Act of 1997".

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Code § 40-1701 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 10b to read as follows:

New Section 40-1709.2

- "Sec. 10b. Hearing examiner -- appointment, powers, and duties; appeals.
- "(a) The Chairperson shall appoint at least 1 attorney to serve as a hearing examiner to adjudicate consumer and industry complaints filed against taxicab owners, operators, companies, associations, fleets, and radio dispatch operations. The hearing examiner shall hear and decide appeals taken from license denials and proposed revocations or suspensions issued by the Office of Taxicabs.
 - "(b) A hearing examiner may:
 - "(1) Preside over a hearing in a contested matter;
 - "(2) Compel the attendance of a witness by subpoena;
- "(3) Administer an oath, take testimony of a witness under oath, and dismiss, rehear, or continue a case;
- "(4) Conduct hearings in accordance with Chapter 4 of Title 31 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (Taxicabs and Public Vehicles for Hire) (31 DCMR chapter 4); and
- "(5) Adjudicate consumer complaints filed pursuant to Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (Taxicab and Public Vehicles for Hire) (31 DCMR chapter 7).".

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Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

This act has no fiscal impact because hearing examiners will serve on a pro bono basis, and remaining costs can be absorbed within the existing appropriations of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto) and approval by the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority as provided in section 203(a) of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995, approved April 17, 1995 (109 Stat. 116; D.C. Code § 47-392.3(a)), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602 (c) (1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-223(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman

Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor

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APPROVED: December 22, 1997



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