

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

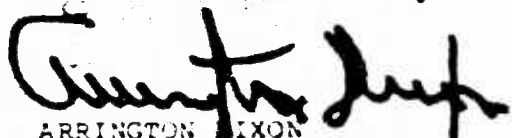
NOTICE

D.C. LAW 4-89

"Taxicab Act of 1981"

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. 4-10 on first and second readings, December 8, 1981 and January 12, 1982, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on February 4, 1982, this legislation was assigned Act No. 4-147, published in the February 12, 1982 edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 29 page 661) and transmitted to Congress on February 9, 1982 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 4-89, effective March 31, 1982.


ARRINGTON DIXON
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

February 9, 10, 11, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

March 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30

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AN ACT

D.C. ACT 4 - 147

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FEB 4 - 1982

To provide a complaint procedure for persons subjected to improper fare refusal and other violations of the Public Service Commission's taxicab regulations; to prohibit hotels licensed in the District of Columbia from discriminating against taxicab drivers; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the "Taxicab Act of 1981".

Sec. 2. Section 1 of the Suspension of Hackers'

Licenses Regulation, enacted November 29, 1971 (Reg. 71-34;

18 DCR 356) is amended by designating the text of the

existing section as subsection "(a)", and adding the

following new subsections at the end thereof to read as

follows:

"(b) Any person subjected to a violation listed in subsection (a) may file a complaint with the Director of the Department of Transportation ('Director') within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the act giving rise to the complaint. Complaints shall be in writing and shall be signed by the complainant, stating the complainant's address and telephone number.

"(c) The Director shall, upon receiving a complaint, notify the respondent driver of the nature of the

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Note,
D.C. Code,
sec. 1-315
(1981 ed.)

complaint and that an answer must be filed with the Director within ten (10) calendar days following the date of notice of the complaint to the respondent driver. Upon receiving such answer, the Director shall notify the complainant of the contents or nature of the answer and shall take appropriate action to conciliate and resolve the complaint. If the Director is unable to conciliate and resolve the complaint, the Director shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the respondent driver's answer or immediately following the failure of the respondent driver to answer the complaint within the stipulated time period, refer the matter to the Hackers License Appeal Board, established by the Amendment of Order of the Commissioner 68-559, The Hackers License Appeal Board, issued June 12, 1980 (M.O. 80-169; D.C. Code, title 1, appendix) ('Board') for deposition.

"(d) If the facts as alleged in any complaint filed with the Director are clearly not in violation of these regulations, the complainant shall be so notified.

"(e) Where a complaint is forwarded to the Board pursuant to subsection (c), a hearing shall be held by the Board concerning the complaint not later than ninety (90) calendar days following receipt of the complaint by the Board. The Director shall send notice to the complainant and the respondent driver of the time, place, and subject matter of the hearing by certified mail, not later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the scheduled date of

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the hearing.

"(f) Failure of a respondent driver to appear before the Board for a scheduled hearing shall result in a default judgment against the driver. Failure of the complainant to appear for a scheduled hearing shall result in dismissal of the complaint.

"(g) Where the Board imposes a monetary fine pursuant to a hearing or default judgment, the driver shall pay the fine within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the order of the Board, unless extended by the Board. No taxicab driver's identification license shall be renewed if any such fines remain unpaid by the driver at the time of renewal.

"(h) There shall be displayed in a suitable frame on the back of the front seat of each taxicab, in such position as to be clearly visible to passengers, notice of the procedure to be followed by persons wishing to file a complaint based on violations of subsection (a).

"(i) Any person who violates any of these regulations shall, upon determination of liability therefor, be subject to a civil fine not to exceed \$300, or suspension or revocation of his license, or both. Total fines imposed by the Board for violations arising from a single complaint shall not exceed \$300."

Sec. 3. Section 12 of An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, and

for other purposes, approved July 11, 1919 (41 Stat. 104; D.C. Code, sec. 40-725) is amended by adding after the phrase "public hack or cab who is convicted of a violation of this section." new paragraphs to read as follows:

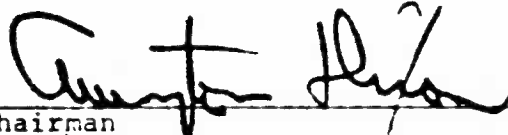
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"It shall be unlawful for any keeper or proprietor or agent acting for the keeper or proprietor of any licensed hotel in the District of Columbia to exclude any District licensed taxicab driver from picking up passengers at any hackstand or other location where taxicabs are regularly allowed to pick up passengers on the hotel premises.

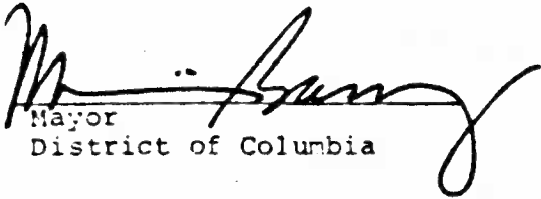
"Violation of this provision shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$300, or imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both, for each violation hereof."

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect after a thirty (30)-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code,

sec. 1-233(c)(1)).



Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia



Mayor
District of Columbia

APPROVED: February 4, 1982

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Council Period Four

First Session

DOCKET NO: B 4-10

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION: Adopted First Reading, 12-8-81

VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Absent: all present

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER AVE. NAV. N.V. A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER AVE. NAV. N.V. A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER AVE. NAV. N.V. A.B.
CHM. DIXON	FANE	SHACKLETON
WINTER	YASON	SPALDING
CLARKE	MOORE, JR.	WILSON
CRAWFORD	RAY	
JARVIS	ROLARK	

X - Indicates Vote A.B. - Absent N.V. - Not Voting

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD

William R. Cunningham Jan 26, 1982
Secretary to the Council Date

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION: Adopted Final Reading, 1-12-82

VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Absent: all present

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER AVE. NAV. N.V. A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER AVE. NAV. N.V. A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER AVE. NAV. N.V. A.B.
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William R. Cunningham Jan 26, 1982
Secretary to the Council Date

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION: _____

VOICE VOTE: _____

Absent: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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