

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency 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 Emergency Amendment Act of 2023”.

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 vehicle-for-hire service” and insert the phrase “regulations governing public and private vehicle-for-hire and carrier-for-hire service” in its place.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 3. Applicability.

This act shall apply on October 17, 2022.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

Sec. 5. Effective date.

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 shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section

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412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia