

A BILL

25-370

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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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 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 “(19A) Establish rules relating to the enforcement of traffic regulations
42 against carrier-for-hire vehicles; and”.

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

44 (1) Strike the phrase “shall undergo training on the rules and regulations
45 governing private and public vehicles-for-hire and undergo” and insert the phrase “shall undergo

46 training on the rules and regulations governing private and public vehicles-for-hire and carrier-
47 for-hire vehicles and undergo” in its place.

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

54 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

58 Sec. 4. Effective date.

59 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
60 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review
61 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
62 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
63 Columbia Register.

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