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REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 5, 1990

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the regulation of
3 taxicabs in first class cities.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Sections 510(b) and 1103(c) of Title 66 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 510. Assessment for regulatory expenses upon public
9 utilities.

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11 (b) Allocation of assessment.--On or before March 31 of each
12 year, every public utility shall file with the commission a
13 statement under oath showing its gross intrastate operating
14 revenues for the preceding calendar year. If any public utility
15 shall fail to file such statement on or before March 31, the
16 commission shall estimate such revenues, which estimate shall be
17 binding upon the public utility for the purposes of this

1 section. For each fiscal year, the allocation shall be made as
2 follows:

3 (1) The commission shall determine for the preceding
4 calendar year the amount of its expenditures directly
5 attributable to the regulation of each group of utilities
6 furnishing the same kind of service, and debit the amount so
7 determined to such group.

8 (2) The commission shall also determine for the
9 preceding calendar year the balance of its expenditures, not
10 debited as aforesaid, and allocate such balance to each group
11 in the proportion which the gross intrastate operating
12 revenues of such group for that year bear to the gross
13 intrastate operating revenues of all groups for that year.

14 (3) The commission shall then allocate the total
15 assessment prescribed by subsection (a) to each group in the
16 proportion which the sum of the debits made to it bears to
17 the sum of the debits made to all groups.

18 (4) Each public utility within a group shall then be
19 assessed for and shall pay to the commission such proportion
20 of the amount allocated to its group as the gross intrastate
21 operating revenues of the public utility for the preceding
22 calendar year bear to the total gross intrastate operating
23 revenues of its group for that year.

24 (5) The assessment provided for in this section shall
25 not be made against utilities governed by the provisions of
26 Chapter 24 (relating to taxicabs in first class cities).

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28 § 1103. Procedure to obtain certificates of public convenience.

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30 (c) Taxicabs.--

1 (1) A certificate of public convenience to provide
2 taxicab service within cities of the first class shall be
3 granted by order of the commission without proof of the need
4 for the service if the commission finds or determines that
5 the applicant is capable of providing dependable taxicab
6 service to the public according to the rules and regulations
7 of the commission.

8 (2) The commission is authorized to issue a maximum of
9 [1,400] 1,600 certificates of public convenience for taxi
10 service in any city of the first class upon the effective
11 date of this [subsection. Eighteen months after the effective
12 date of this subsection, the commission is authorized to
13 issue in its discretion a maximum of 1,700 certificates of
14 public convenience for taxi service in any city of the first
15 class. Thirty months after the effective date of this
16 subsection, the commission is authorized to issue in its
17 discretion a maximum of 2,000 certificates of public
18 convenience for taxi service in any city of the first class]
19 amendatory act. Upon the second year of the effective date of
20 this [subsection] amendatory act, the commission shall
21 institute a formal investigation on the future need for taxi
22 service in any city of the first class. The commission shall
23 report to the Senate and House Consumer Affairs Committees
24 its findings, conclusions and recommendations.

25 (3) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the
26 General Assembly to regulate the provision of taxicab service
27 within cities of the first class in such a manner that any
28 certificate of public convenience hereinafter granted by
29 order of the commission shall, in addition to any other
30 conditions imposed by the commission, require that at least

1 40% of such trips of such taxicab service shall be derived
2 from such service provided to and from points within specific
3 geographical areas to be determined by the commission as
4 being in the public interest. The commission shall have the
5 power to rescind or revoke any certificate of public
6 convenience granted to any existing holder or any new
7 recipient for the operation of taxicabs within a city of the
8 first class whenever it is shown that the holder of the
9 certificate is not operating the taxicabs on an average of
10 50% of the time over any consecutive three-month period.

11 (4) The commission shall have the authority to grant
12 immediate temporary certificates of public convenience for
13 taxicab service in cities of the first class. Such temporary
14 certificates are subject to further investigation before a
15 permanent certificate shall be granted by the commission.

16 [(5) In cities of the first class, all operators shall
17 utilize the services of a centralized dispatch system
18 utilizing radio. Any existing holder or any new recipient of
19 a certificate of public convenience for the operation of
20 taxicabs in cities of the first class which owns or operates
21 a centralized radio dispatch system shall make such system
22 available to all other taxicab operations for a reasonable
23 fee as described in a tariff to be filed with the commission
24 for its review and approval but with no obligation to use any
25 specific radio system. It is mandatory, however, that every
26 taxi operated in the city be linked to a central radio
27 service.]

28 (6) A minimum of 5% of all certificates of public
29 convenience issued under this subsection in cities of the
30 first class shall be issued to minority persons or to

1 corporations in which 51% or more of the voting shares or
2 interest in the corporation is held by minority individuals.
3 For purposes of this paragraph, "minority" shall describe one
4 who is Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, American Indian,
5 Eskimo, Aleut or Oriental.

6 (7) The transfer of a certificate of public convenience,
7 by any means or device, shall be subject to the prior
8 approval of the commission which may, in its sole or peculiar
9 discretion as it deems appropriate, attach such conditions,
10 including the appropriate allocation of proceeds, as it may
11 find to be necessary or proper.

12 [(8) In cities of the first class, any new holder of a
13 certificate of public convenience for the operation of a
14 taxicab shall, prior to the initial operation of such
15 taxicab, have such taxicab inspected under the supervision of
16 a State Police Officer at the expense of the holder of such
17 certificate. The holder of said certificate shall make
18 payment of such expenses at the time of the inspection with a
19 certified check payable to the Pennsylvania Department of
20 Transportation.]

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22 Section 2. Title 66 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

23 CHAPTER 24

24 TAXICABS IN FIRST CLASS CITIES

25 Sec.

26 2401. Definitions.

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12 § 2401. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
14 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

16 "First Class City Taxicab Regulatory Fund" or "Fund." A fund
17 administered by the commission to which all moneys collected
18 pursuant to the requirements of this chapter shall be deposited
19 and from which all expenses and costs associated with
20 administration and enforcement of this chapter shall be paid.
21 Moneys deposited in the fund shall not be used for any purpose
22 not specified herein.

23 "Taxicab." A motor vehicle designed for carrying no more
24 than eight passengers, exclusive of the driver, on a call or
25 demand basis and used for the transportation of persons for
26 compensation.

27 "Taxi driver's license." A license or permit to drive a
28 taxicab issued pursuant to section 2409 (relating to driver
29 licensing program).

30 § 2402. Medallion system created.

1 There is hereby created a medallion system in cities of the
2 first class in order to provide holders of certificates of
3 public convenience which authorize citywide call or demand
4 service the opportunity to upgrade and improve the operations of
5 taxicabs. Each current holder of a certificate of public
6 convenience which authorizes citywide call or demand service in
7 cities of the first class is entitled to apply to obtain a
8 medallion from the commission at its offices within 90 days of
9 the effective date of this chapter for an initial fee in an
10 amount to be determined pursuant to the requirements of section
11 2414 (relating to budgets and fees). In the case of a corporate
12 certificate holder, a medallion shall be issued in the name of
13 the corporation to its corporate president. The medallion shall
14 be marked with the taxicab number assigned to the corresponding
15 certificate of public convenience.

16 § 2403. Property and licensing rights.

17 (a) Property rights.--Medallions are property and may not be
18 revoked or canceled by the commission. Medallions may be pledged
19 to lenders or creditors as security on debt. All lenders or
20 creditors who accept a medallion as security shall file with the
21 commission a notice of lien which describes the loan
22 transaction. A lien on a medallion is void by operation of law
23 unless a notice of lien is filed with the commission. The
24 commission may not permit a sale of a medallion if a notice of
25 lien has been filed on the medallion until the lien is removed
26 or unless the commission is notified by the lienholder that the
27 lien will be satisfied from the proceeds of the sale. If a
28 lender or creditor executes on or seizes a medallion, it shall
29 immediately notify the commission, in writing. Any sale of the
30 medallion, upon seizure or execution, shall occur at commission

1 offices pursuant to the requirements of section 2408 (relating
2 to restrictions) within one year of the seizure or execution. If
3 the medallion is not sold within one year, the medallion will
4 become nontransferable, and possession must be surrendered to
5 the commission.

6 (b) Licensing rights.--A certificate of public convenience
7 is a licensing right which accompanies each medallion and
8 authorizes the operation of one taxicab in cities of the first
9 class. No property interest shall exist in the certificate
10 itself. A certificate may not be pledged to lenders or creditors
11 as security on debt. A certificate may be canceled by the
12 commission, upon due cause shown, for violation of this title or
13 commission regulations. If the commission cancels a certificate,
14 the certificate holder shall have the right to sell the
15 accompanying medallion within six months of the date of
16 cancellation and the certificate holder must turn the medallion
17 over to the commission office within five days of cancellation
18 of the certificate for safekeeping until the medallion is sold.
19 This six-month time period shall be extended during the pendency
20 of a petition for reinstatement of the certificate of public
21 convenience. If the medallion is not sold within the statutory
22 period, the medallion will become nontransferable, and
23 possession must be surrendered to the commission.

24 § 2404. Certificate and medallion required.

25 (a) Procedure.--A vehicle may not be operated as a taxicab
26 in cities of the first class unless a certificate of public
27 convenience is issued, authorizing the operation of the taxicab,
28 and a medallion is attached to the hood of the vehicle. Prior to
29 the issuance of a medallion, the certificate holder shall have
30 its vehicle inspected by the commission. The commission shall

1 require, by order or regulation, that each medallion holder
2 submit to a periodic vehicle inspection of its taxicab by
3 commission personnel to ensure that the vehicle meets the
4 requirements of this title and commission regulations.
5 Commission inspection requirements shall be in addition to the
6 vehicle requirements set forth in Title 75 (relating to
7 vehicles). Commission inspection and recording requirements
8 shall be established by regulations. No vehicle which is more
9 than five years old shall continue in operation as a taxicab.
10 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the commission may authorize the
11 operation of antique vehicles in call or demand service in such
12 circumstances as the commission may deem appropriate. Each
13 medallion holder's tariff rates shall be clearly and visibly
14 displayed in each taxicab. A medallion shall not be removed from
15 a vehicle without prior notification to and permission of the
16 commission. A medallion authorizes operation of a vehicle as a
17 taxicab only for the fiscal year for which the medallion is
18 issued.

19 (b) Protective barrier.--Each taxicab in cities of the first
20 class shall be equipped with a protective barrier for the
21 protection of the driver, separating the front seat from the
22 back seat. The commission may provide for additional driver
23 protection measures by order or regulation.

24 (c) Service.--A vehicle authorized by a certificate to
25 provide call or demand service in cities of the first class may
26 transport persons and their baggage upon call or demand and
27 parcels, packages and property at the same basic metered rates
28 charged to passengers:

29 (1) between points in the city of the first class for
30 which its certificate is issued;

1 (2) from any point in the city of the first class for
2 which its certificate is issued to any point in this
3 Commonwealth;

4 (3) from any point in this Commonwealth to any point in
5 the city of the first class for which its certificate is
6 issued, if the request for service for such transportation is
7 received by call to its radio dispatch service; and

8 (4) from any point in the city of the first class for
9 which its certificate is issued to any point outside this
10 Commonwealth as a continuous part of a trip.

11 (d) Other vehicles.--A vehicle which is not authorized by a
12 certificate to provide call or demand service in cities of the
13 first class, but which is operated by the holder of a
14 certificate of public convenience from the commission
15 authorizing call or demand service elsewhere in this
16 Commonwealth, may transport persons and property:

17 (1) to cities of the first class in accordance with the
18 service authorized under its certificate of public
19 convenience; and

20 (2) from any point in a city of the first class to any
21 point in this Commonwealth beyond that city of the first
22 class if the request for service for such transportation is
23 received by call to its radio dispatch service.

24 (e) Penalties involving certificated taxicabs.--Operating a
25 certificated taxicab in violation of subsections (a) and (b), or
26 authorizing or permitting such operation, is a nontraffic
27 summary offense. Offenders of subsections (a) and (b) may also
28 be subject to civil penalties pursuant to section 3301 (relating
29 to civil penalties for violations).

30 (f) Unauthorized vehicles.--Operating an unauthorized

1 vehicle as a taxicab, or giving the appearance of offering call
2 or demand service with an unauthorized vehicle, without first
3 having received a certificate of public convenience and a
4 medallion is a nontraffic summary offense in the first instance
5 and a misdemeanor of the third degree for each offense
6 thereafter. The owner and the driver of a vehicle being operated
7 as or appearing as a taxicab without a certificate of public
8 convenience and a medallion are also subject to civil penalties
9 pursuant to section 3301. Civil penalties which have been
10 assessed and collected shall be deposited in the fund.

11 (g) Confiscation and impoundment of vehicles.--In addition
12 to penalties provided for in subsection (f), police officers in
13 cities of the first class are empowered to confiscate and
14 impound vehicles and equipment utilized to provide call or
15 demand service without a certificate of public convenience and a
16 medallion. Upon satisfaction of all penalties imposed and all
17 outstanding fines assessed against the owner or operator of the
18 unauthorized vehicle and payment of the city's costs associated
19 with confiscation and impoundment, the vehicle and equipment
20 shall be returned to its owner. Failure to timely satisfy these
21 conditions within 90 days of impoundment may result in the sale
22 of confiscated property by a city of the first class at auction.
23 Proceeds received from the sale of confiscated property, after
24 payment of the city's costs associated with confiscation, shall
25 be deposited into the fund.

26 (h) Counterfeit medallions.--The manufacture or possession
27 of a counterfeit medallion is a misdemeanor of the third degree
28 for each offense.

29 § 2405. Contested complaints.

30 (a) Adjudication.--Contested complaints brought before the

1 commission, alleging violations of this chapter or rules and
2 regulations promulgated by the commission pursuant to this
3 chapter, shall be assigned by the commission to a presiding
4 officer who shall be a special agent or administrative law judge
5 for adjudication. Presiding officers assigned to cases pursuant
6 to this chapter may be removed by the commission only for good
7 cause shown. Following the taking and receiving of evidence, the
8 presiding officer shall issue a decision which determines the
9 merits of the complaint and assesses a penalty, if warranted. In
10 extraordinary circumstances, the presiding officer may require
11 the filing of briefs prior to issuing a decision. The presiding
12 officer's decision shall not be subject to exception or
13 administrative appeal. In its discretion, the commission may
14 exercise review of a presiding officer's decision within 15 days
15 of the date of issuance. If the commission does not exercise its
16 authority to review a presiding officer's decision, the decision
17 will become a final order without further commission action. The
18 commission may establish orders or regulations which designate
19 rules and procedures for the adjudication of complaints brought
20 pursuant to this chapter.

21 (b) Commencement of complaints.--Commission enforcement
22 officers and police officers or licensing officials in cities of
23 the first class may commence and prosecute complaints brought
24 before the commission pursuant to this chapter and provisions of
25 this title and commission regulations applicable to taxicab
26 operations in cities of the first class.

27 (c) Other penalties.--Nothing in this section shall be
28 deemed to limit the ability of any city of the first class to
29 prosecute violations and seek criminal penalties in a court of
30 law.

1 § 2406. Reissuance of medallion.

2 Within 30 days of the close of each fiscal year, a medallion
3 holder shall apply to obtain from the commission a reissued
4 medallion for a fee in an amount to be determined pursuant to
5 the requirements of section 2414 (relating to budgets and fees).
6 Each year's medallion shall designate the year of issuance and
7 shall be identifiable by a distinctive tint or color and shape,
8 to be determined by the commission. A medallion may not be
9 issued by the commission unless all outstanding commission
10 fines, penalties and fees have been paid in full and unless all
11 insurance, tariff and vehicle inspection filings are current.
12 Immediately prior to reissuance of a medallion, a medallion
13 holder shall remove the prior year's medallion from the hood of
14 its taxicab and surrender it to the commission. Upon reissuance,
15 the new medallion shall be immediately attached to the vehicle.
16 The annual fee paid under this section shall be in lieu of the
17 assessment set forth in section 510 (relating to assessment for
18 regulatory expenses upon public utilities).

19 § 2407. Additional certificates and medallions.

20 Subject to the limits established in section 1103(c)
21 (relating to procedure to obtain certificates of public
22 convenience), the commission may increase the number of
23 certificates and medallions if it finds a need for additional
24 taxicab service in cities of the first class by issuing
25 certificates and corresponding medallions to applicants on a
26 first-come-first-served basis. Each applicant shall pay a fee in
27 an amount equal to the reasonable market value of the medallions
28 at the time of issuance as determined by the commission. The fee
29 is payable prior to the time of issuance. In determining the
30 reasonable market value of a medallion, the commission shall

1 consider the purchase price in medallion transactions over the
2 prior year as reflected in commission records. The Commission in
3 its discretion may hold hearings to determine the reasonable
4 market value of a medallion. In no case shall the number of
5 certificates and medallions issued by the commission exceed
6 1,600 each.

7 § 2408. Restrictions.

8 (a) Place of transaction.--A medallion may not be sold or
9 transferred to another party unless the closing of the sales
10 transaction occurs at commission offices in the presence of a
11 designated commission staff member. The commission staff member
12 shall witness the execution of each contract of sale to evidence
13 staff presence at the execution. All contracts for the sale of
14 medallions which are not executed at commission offices and
15 witnessed by a commission staff member are void by operation of
16 law. All sales contracts shall conform to such rules and
17 regulations as the commission may prescribe. Prior to each
18 closing, the buyer of the medallion shall pay a fee in an amount
19 to be determined pursuant to the requirements of section 2414
20 (relating to budget and fees).

21 (b) Issuance of certificate.--Upon the witnessing of a sale
22 of a medallion and upon application of the purchaser and
23 compliance with commission tariff, insurance and inspection
24 requirements, the commission staff shall issue an accompanying
25 certificate to the new medallion holder unless the commission
26 determines that the transfer of the certificate is inconsistent
27 with the public interest. Where there is a determination that a
28 transfer is not in the public interest, the new medallion holder
29 shall have six months from the date the adverse determination is
30 entered to sell the medallion to a new owner. If a sale is not

1 consummated before commission personnel within six months, the
2 medallion will become nontransferable and possession must be
3 surrendered to the commission.

4 (c) Criminal records.--No person or corporation may purchase
5 a medallion or apply for a certificate if the person or
6 corporation or an officer or director of the corporation has
7 been convicted or found guilty of a felony within the five-year
8 period immediately preceding the transfer. All applications for
9 a certificate shall contain a sworn affidavit certifying that
10 the purchaser has not been convicted of a felony in the previous
11 five years. If, at any time, the commission finds that a
12 medallion holder has been convicted of a felony while holding
13 the medallion or during the five years immediately preceding its
14 purchase, the commission shall cancel the corresponding
15 certificate.

16 § 2409. Driver licensing program.

17 (a) General rule.-- The commission shall provide for the
18 establishment of a driver licensing program for drivers of
19 taxicabs in cities of the first class. Standards for fitness of
20 taxi drivers shall be established under such rules and
21 regulations as the commission may prescribe. The commission may
22 revoke or suspend a taxi driver's license upon a finding that
23 the individual is not fit to operate a taxicab. Each applicant
24 for a taxi driver's license shall pay a fee in an amount to be
25 determined pursuant to the requirements of section 2414
26 (relating to budget and fees). Upon approval, a picture taxi
27 driver's license will be issued to an applicant. No individual
28 shall operate a taxicab at any time unless the individual is
29 licensed as a taxi driver by the commission. Each licensed taxi
30 driver shall carry and display in full view a taxi driver's

1 license at all times of operation of a taxicab. The commission
2 may establish orders or regulations which designate additional
3 requirements governing the licensing of drivers and the
4 operation of taxicabs by drivers, including, but not limited to,
5 dress codes for drivers.

6 (b) Violations.--Operating a taxicab without a taxi driver's
7 license or authorizing or permitting the operation of a taxicab
8 by a driver who is not licensed as a taxi driver in cities of
9 the first class is a nontraffic summary offense in the first
10 instance and a misdemeanor of the third degree for each offense
11 thereafter. The commission may by regulation provide for
12 suspension and revocation of taxi driver's licenses for
13 violations of this chapter and commission regulations.

14 (c) Agreements delegating responsibilities.--The commission
15 is hereby authorized to enter into agreements or contracts
16 delegating the duties and responsibilities designated in
17 subsection (a) to a different governmental entity or to another
18 party.

19 § 2410. Wages.

20 (a) Minimum wage.--Each medallion holder shall pay at least
21 a prevailing minimum wage rate or, in the alternative, charge at
22 most a prevailing maximum lease amount to the drivers of its
23 taxicab, as determined by the commission upon investigation. The
24 minimum wage rate and the maximum lease amount, as established
25 by the commission, may include employee benefits.

26 (b) Uniform rates.--All taxicabs in cities of the first
27 class shall charge a uniform rate to passengers, as determined
28 by the commission upon investigation.

29 (c) Reopen investigations.--Any medallion holder or licensed
30 driver may petition the commission to reopen the investigations

1 addressed by subsections (a) and (b) no less than 18 months
2 after the close of the preceding investigation.

3 § 2411. Centralized dispatcher.

4 In cities of the first class, all medallion holders shall
5 utilize the services of a centralized dispatch radio system. Any
6 owner of a centralized radio dispatch system shall make such
7 system available to all medallion holders for a reasonable fee,
8 as described in a rate schedule to be filed with the commission.
9 The commission, in its discretion, may review the rate schedules
10 of radio associations to determine if rates charged discriminate
11 against new applicants. Medallion holders shall have no
12 obligation to use any particular radio system.

13 § 2412. Regulations.

14 The commission may prescribe such rules and regulations as it
15 deems necessary to govern the regulation of taxicabs in cities
16 of the first class pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

17 § 2413. Enforcement.

18 The provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations
19 promulgated by the commission pursuant to this act shall be
20 enforced by commission personnel in conjunction with the police
21 department in each first class city to the degree funding is
22 provided. The commission shall enter into contracts with each
23 first class city or its police department to provide for
24 continuous enforcement of this chapter ~~and to~~. THE NUMBER, <—
25 EXPERIENCE AND RANKS OF PERSONNEL, AND THE LEVEL OF OPERATING
26 AND FIXED ASSET FUNDING, NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR FULL
27 ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE ESTABLISHED ANNUALLY BY THE
28 COMMISSION PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A BUDGET AND PROPOSED FEE
29 SCHEDULE. THE COMMISSION SHALL provide for full funding of the
30 city enforcement activities, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, <—

1 from the fund.

2 § 2414. Budget and fees.

3 (a) Initial budget and fees.--After execution of a contract
4 between the commission and a first class city or its police
5 department pursuant to section 2413 (relating to enforcement),
6 the commission shall complete an initial budget and fee
7 schedule. The fee schedule shall identify the initial fees for
8 initial issuance of a medallion, transfer of a medallion and
9 issuance of a taxi driver's license. The commission's initial
10 budget and fee schedule shall be submitted to the House Consumer
11 Affairs Committee and the Senate Consumer Protection and
12 Professional Licensure Committee. Unless either the Senate or
13 the House of Representatives acts to disapprove through adoption
14 of a resolution within ten legislative days from the date of
15 submittal, the commission's fee schedule shall become effective
16 and the commission shall notify each medallion holder by
17 certified letter of the initial fee schedule.

18 (b) Fiscal year budget and fees.--The fiscal year for the
19 fund shall commence on July 1 of each year. Prior to the close
20 of each fiscal year, the commission shall submit a budget and
21 proposed fee schedule for the coming fiscal year along with
22 comprehensive financial data from the past fiscal year to the
23 House Consumer Affairs Committee and the Senate Consumer
24 Protection and Professional Licensure Committee. Unless either
25 the Senate or the House of Representatives acts to disapprove
26 through adoption of a resolution within ten legislative days
27 from the submission, the commission fee schedule shall become
28 effective. The commission shall notify all medallion holders of
29 the fee schedule for the coming fiscal year by certified letter.

30 § 2415. Penalties.

1 For the purpose of this chapter, any person or corporation
2 convicted of:

3 (1) a summary offense shall be sentenced to pay a fine
4 of \$500 and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to
5 exceed 90 days, or both; or

6 (2) a misdemeanor shall be sentenced to pay a fine of
7 \$2,500 and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to
8 exceed one year, or both.

9 § 2416. Applicability.

10 Where other provisions of this title or other laws of this
11 Commonwealth are in conflict with the provisions of this
12 chapter, the provisions of this chapter shall govern taxicabs in
13 cities of the first class and other conflicting provisions are
14 hereby suspended insofar as they govern taxicabs in cities of
15 the first class.

16 Section 3. This act does not affect any act done, liability
17 incurred or right accrued or vested or affect any civil or
18 criminal proceeding pending or to be commenced to enforce any
19 right or penalty or punish any offense under any statute or part
20 of a statute suspended by this act.

21 Section 4. This act shall take effect as follows:

22 (1) The provisions of section 2404(a) that prohibit the
23 operation of taxicabs more than five years old shall take
24 effect in one year.

25 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 90
26 days.