

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, JUNE
6, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for additional certificates
3 and medallions for wheelchair-accessible taxicabs; and
4 establishing the Wheelchair-Accessible Taxicab Program.

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

7 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5717.1. Additional certificates and medallions for
10 wheelchair-accessible taxicabs.

11 (a) Auction of certificates and medallions.--In addition to
12 the certificates authorized under section 5711 (relating to
13 power of authority to issue certificates of public convenience),
14 the authority shall issue an additional 200 certificates and
15 corresponding medallions exclusively for wheelchair-accessible
16 taxicabs in a city of the first class. Not later than 120 days
17 after the effective date of this section, the medallions shall
18 be auctioned by the authority at market rate.

1 (b) Program.--The Wheelchair-Accessible Taxicab Program is
2 hereby established. The authority shall promulgate rules and
3 regulations to implement the program and to provide:

4 (1) Service to passengers of wheelchair-accessible
5 taxicabs that is equivalent to the service provided to
6 nonwheelchair-accessible taxicab passengers.

7 (2) Cost of wheelchair-accessible taxicab service that
8 is equivalent to or less than the cost of nonwheelchair-
9 accessible taxicab service.

10 (3) Vehicle standards for wheelchair-accessible taxicabs
11 that allow for the medallion holder to choose any vehicle
12 that meets the requirements of the Americans with
13 Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327).

14 (4) Training for medallion owners and drivers on
15 operating wheelchair-accessible taxicabs and serving
16 passengers.

17 (5) Outreach regarding wheelchair-accessible taxicab
18 service to the physically challenged community and the
19 hospitality industry.

20 (c) Revocation of certificate.--The authority may revoke any
21 certificate of public convenience granted to any new recipient
22 for the operation of a wheelchair-accessible taxicab within a
23 city of the first class if the taxicab is not operational within
24 120 days of the auction of the medallion.

25 (d) Governing law.--Except as provided in this section,
26 wheelchair-accessible taxicab certificates and medallions shall
27 be governed by the provisions of this chapter.

28 (e) Funding.--The Wheelchair-Accessible Taxicab Program
29 shall be funded from the Taxicab Account established under
30 section 5708 (relating to fund).

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.