

**LICENSING TAXICAB DRIVERS**

**Act of May. 21, 1921, P.L. 1053, No. 382**

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AN ACT

Providing for licensing drivers of taxicabs and passenger motor vehicles for hire by certain municipalities and townships; prescribing the method of securing such licenses, and the right of the proper authorities of such municipalities and townships to inquire into the moral character and general fitness of all applicants for such licenses; prohibiting all persons from engaging in the business of driving taxicabs and passenger motor vehicles for hire without first having obtained such license; and providing penalties for violation of this act. (Title reenacted and amended Nov. 19, 1968, P.L.1071, No.326)

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That no person shall engage in the business of driving a taxicab or other passenger motor vehicle for hire in any city of the second class or in any township of the first class without first having secured from the superintendent of police or the chief of police of said city or township a license so to do if in the case of a township of the first class the principal place of business of the taxi-cab company is located therein.

(1 reenacted and amended Nov. 19, 1968, P.L.1071, No.326)

Section 2. Any person desiring to secure such license shall make application to the superintendent of police or the chief of police of the proper city or township upon forms prescribed and furnished by such superintendent of police or chief of police, which said forms shall be of such nature and contents as to disclose the necessary information to enable such superintendent or chief of police to determine as to the moral character and general fitness for engaging in such occupation; and it shall be the duty of such superintendent or chief of police to make diligent and careful inquiry to determine whether or not said applicant is of good character and general fitness to engage in such occupation.

(2 reenacted and amended Nov. 19, 1968, P.L.1071, No.326)

Section 3. No person shall be licensed to engage in such business unless he shows, to the satisfaction of the superintendent of police or the chief of police of such city or township that he is of good moral character and general fitness to engage in such occupation, and that he has not been convicted of any felony at all or of any misdemeanor of such nature and character as to render him unfit to engage in such occupation.

(3 reenacted and amended Nov. 19, 1968, P.L.1071, No.326)

Section 4. Every applicant for such license shall furnish with his application two photographs, being fair likenesses, and upon which shall be endorsed such information prescribed by the superintendent of police or chief of police as may be necessary for the identification of the said applicant. One of said photographs shall be retained by the superintendent or chief of police, and one shall be attached to a card of identification included in or issued with the license hereinabove provided for; which license and card of identification shall be produced upon request of any superintendent of police, chief of police, or any other police officer of the Commonwealth. Said identification card shall have space provided thereon, upon which, in case the holder thereof is arrested for any offense, it shall be the duty of any magistrate, alderman, or justice of the peace before whom said holder shall appear to write upon said card the date of

such arrest, the charge upon which said arrest shall have been made, and the disposition made of the case by said magistrate, alderman, or justice of the peace, which notation on said card shall be signed by such magistrate, alderman, or justice of the peace.

(4 reenacted and amended Nov. 19, 1968, P.L.1071, No.326)

**Compiler's Note:** Section 28 of Act 207 of 2004 provided that any and all references in any other law to a "district justice" or "justice of the peace" shall be deemed to be references to a magisterial district judge.

Section 5. Upon the third conviction for any offense of the holder of any such license and identification card, it shall be the duty of the superintendent of police or chief of police issuing the same, upon information thereof coming to his attention, immediately to revoke the said license, and to require the surrender of the same and the identification card in connection therewith for cancellation.

(5 reenacted and amended Nov. 19, 1968, P.L.1071, No.326)

Section 6. This act shall in no manner alter, change, or affect any existing requirement of the law with reference to securing certificates of public convenience from the Public Utility Commission or otherwise; nor shall this act in any manner whatsoever be construed to affect any provision of any existing law governing the licensing of motor vehicles.

(6 reenacted and amended Nov. 19, 1968, P.L.1071, No.326)

Section 7. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same is hereby, repealed.