

TAXI-CARS (CO-ORDINATION AND CONTROL).

No. 55 of 1965.

AN ACT to amend the *Taxi-cars (Co-ordination and Control) Act, 1963.*

[Assented to 9th November, 1965.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title
and citation.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Taxi-cars (Co-ordination and Control) Act Amendment Act, 1965.*

(2) In this Act, the *Taxi-cars (Co-ordination and Control) Act, 1963*, is referred to as the principal Act.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the *Taxi-cars (Co-ordination and Control) Act, 1963-1965.*

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2. The long title to the principal Act is amended by adding after the word, "Taxi-cars", the words, "and to make provision for the Registration and Conduct of Taxi-car Drivers and for other incidental purposes". Long title amended.

3. Section eleven of the principal Act is amended by substituting for paragraph (h) of subsection (1), the following paragraph— S. 11 amended.

(h) the registration of, and the control of the conduct and dress of, taxi-car drivers; .

4. Section sixteen of the principal Act is amended— S. 16 amended.

(a) by substituting for the word, "The" in line one of subsection (2), the passage, "Subject to section twenty-two D of this Act, the"; and

(b) by substituting for paragraph (c) of subsection (2), the following paragraph—

(c) that the applicant is of good repute and, if a natural person, is a fit and proper person to operate a taxi-car, .

5. Section eighteen of the principal Act is amended— S. 18 amended.

(a) by substituting for the word, "A" in line one of subsection (1), the passage, "Subject to section twenty-two D of this Act, a"; and

(b) by inserting after the word, "to" in line five of subsection (1), the words, "that section and to" .

S. 22A
added.

6. The principal Act is amended by adding after section twenty-two the following section—

Operators
to be
registered.

22A. A person shall not operate a taxi-car within a control area unless he is registered as a taxi-car driver under section twenty-two B of this Act. .

S. 22B
added.

7. The principal Act is amended by adding after section twenty-two A, as added by this Act, the following section—

Registration
of operators.

22B. (1) Every application by a person to be registered as a taxi-car driver shall be made to the Board.

(2) The Board shall, upon being satisfied that the applicant is the holder of a valid driver's licence issued under the Traffic Act entitling him, for the purposes of that Act, to drive a taxi-car, authorise the Commissioner to register the applicant as a taxi-car driver for the purposes of this Act.

(3) The Commissioner shall keep a register to be called the Register of Taxi-car Drivers and shall, upon payment of a fee of ten shillings or such other fee, not exceeding two pounds, as may be prescribed, enter therein the name of any person whom the Board has authorised him to register in pursuance of subsection (2) of this section.

(4) The Commissioner shall enter in the register such other particulars relating to a person whose name appears therein as the Board may furnish to him or as the person may, by regulation, be required to furnish. .

S. 22C
added.

8. The principal Act is amended by adding after section twenty-two B, as added by this Act, the following section—

Renewal of
registration.

22C. (1) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the registration of a person as a taxi-car driver under this Act is valid for a period of twelve months from the date on which it is

first effected and may, upon payment to the Commissioner of a fee of ten shillings or such other fee, not exceeding two pounds, as may be prescribed, thereafter be renewed for successive periods of twelve months.

(2) A person who, on the coming into operation of the *Taxi-cars (Co-ordination and Control) Act Amendment Act, 1965*, is the holder of an identity disc prescribed by, and issued pursuant to, the regulations is deemed to be registered as a taxi-car driver for the period of twelve months from the date on which the disc was so issued and the registration is thereafter renewable as provided by subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The Board shall issue a prescribed identity disc to a person registered as a taxi-car driver under this Act, as evidence of that registration; and a disc so issued may be retained by that person during the currency of his registration and no longer.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the registration of a person as a taxi-car driver under this Act is valid so long, only, as that person is the holder of a valid driver's licence issued under the *Traffic Act* entitling him for the purposes of that Act to drive a taxi-car. .

9. The principal Act is amended by adding after section twenty-two C, as added by this Act, the following section—

S. 22D
added.

22D. The Board shall not—

Limitation
on issue of
transfer of
licenses.

- (a) authorise the issue of a licence in pursuance of subsection (2) of section sixteen of this Act to a person who holds two or more licences issued under this Act; or
- (b) authorise the transfer of a licence issued under this Act to a person who holds two or more licences issued under this Act. .

S. 23A
added.

10. The principal Act is amended by adding after section twenty-three the following section—

Condition of
licensed
taxi-cars.

23A. (1) Where an inspector is of opinion that a taxi-car licensed under this Act is, while being operated in a control area, so unclean as to be likely to mark or damage the clothing or luggage of, or to be otherwise objectionable to, a passenger, he may direct the person driving the taxi-car to have the taxi-car cleaned within such time as he then specifies.

(2) Where an inspector is of opinion that a taxi-car licensed under this Act is mechanically defective or that a taximeter or speedometer fitted to it is materially inaccurate, he may direct the person driving the taxi-car or the holder of the licence under this Act in respect of the taxi-car to submit the taxi-car, within such time as he then specifies, to the authority by which it is licensed under the Traffic Act for inspection by that authority.

(3) A person who fails to comply with a direction given by an inspector under this section commits an offence. .

S. 23B
added.

11. The principal Act is amended by adding after section twenty-three A, as added by this Act, the following section—

Prohibition
of use of
unsafe
taxi-cars.

23B. (1) Where an inspector is of opinion that a taxi-car licensed under this Act is so mechanically defective as to render its continued use a danger to persons or property, he may prohibit the further operation of the taxi-car until it has been inspected by the authority by which it is licensed under the Traffic Act.

(2) A person who operates a taxi-car while its use is prohibited under the provisions of this section commits an offence.

Penalty: Fifty pounds. .