

No. 382.

AN ACT

Providing for licensing drivers of taxicabs and passenger motor vehicles for hire by cities of the second class; prescribing the method of securing such licenses, and the right of the proper authorities of such cities 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.

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 without first having secured from the superintendent of police or the chief of police of said city a license so to do.

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 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.

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, 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.

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 identifi-

Cities of the second class.
Taxicabs and passenger motor vehicles.

Licenses.

Applications.

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Character of applicant.

License.

Photographs.

Identification cards.

Notation of arrests upon card.

cation 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.

Revocation of license.

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.

Certificates of public convenience.

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 Service 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.

Effect upon existing laws.

Repeal.

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 All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 383.

AN ACT

To carry out the provisions of section eight, article nine of the Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania, as amended, and, for that purpose, prescribing the method of determining the amount which may be deducted in ascertaining the borrowing capacity of the city of Philadelphia by excluding from the calculation, and deducting from its indebtedness, so much of the debt of said city as shall have been incurred or is about to be incurred, and the proceeds thereof expended or about to be expended, upon any public improvement or in the construction, purchase, or condemnation of any public utility, or part thereof or facility therefor, if such public improvement or public utility, or part thereof, whether separately or in connection with any other public improvement or public utility, or part thereof, may reasonably be expected to yield revenue in excess of operating expenses sufficient to pay the interest and sinking-fund charges thereon.

Philadelphia.
Borrowing capacity.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever the city of Philadelphia shall have incurred or is about to incur any debt or debts for, and the proceeds thereof shall have been or are about to be invested in, any public improvements of any character, or in the