

No. 1995-59

AN ACT

SB 946

Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the appointment of a chief administrative law judge and for certificate and medallion required.

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

Section 1. Sections 304(d) and 2404(a) of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

§ 304. Administrative law judges.

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(d) Chief administrative law judge.—The commission shall appoint **[one of the administrative law judges as] a** chief administrative law judge who shall be responsible for assigning a hearing judge to every proceeding before the commission which may require the utilization of an administrative law judge and who shall receive remuneration above that of any other administrative law judge. The position of chief administrative law judge may not be withdrawn from a person so appointed, nor his salary diminished, except for good cause shown. The chief administrative law judge shall have such other responsibilities as the commission may by rule prescribe.

§ 2404. Certificate and medallion required.

(a) Procedure.—A vehicle may not be operated as a taxicab in cities of the first class unless a certificate of public convenience is issued authorizing the operation of the taxicab and a medallion is attached to the hood of the vehicle. Prior to the issuance of a medallion, the certificate holder shall have its vehicle inspected by the commission. The commission shall require, by order or regulation, that each medallion holder submit to a periodic vehicle inspection of its taxicab by commission personnel to ensure that the vehicle meets the requirements of this title and commission regulations. Commission inspection requirements shall be in addition to the vehicle requirements set forth in Title 75 (relating to vehicles). Commission inspection and recording requirements shall be established by regulations. No vehicle which is more than **[six] eight** years old shall continue in operation as a taxicab. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the commission may authorize the operation of antique vehicles in call or demand service in such circumstances as the commission may deem appropriate. Each medallion holder's tariff rates shall be clearly and visibly displayed in each taxicab. A medallion shall not be removed from a vehicle without prior notification to and permission of the

commission. A medallion authorizes operation of a vehicle as a taxicab only for the fiscal year for which the medallion is issued.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 31st day of October, A.D. 1995.

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