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AN ACT to amend Title 13 MIRC 1 in order to require Taxi Cab drivers; to acquire taxicab identification card.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

§101. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Motor Traffic (Amendment) Act, 2023.

§102. Amendment

(1) Section 102(b) is amended as follows:

§102. Interpretation.

In this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

.....

(a) "Commissioner of Police" means the Commissioner appointed under the Public Safety Act 1988;

(b) All reference to "Chief of Police" shall be replaced with "Commissioner of Police"

(2) Section 126 is hereby amended by adding in new subsections 5 and 6 as follows:

§126. Requirements.

.....

- (5) All person operating a taxicab in the Marshall Islands shall obtain from the Marshall Islands Police Department a taxicab drivers’ certificate set out in Schedule 1 of this Chapter. The taxicab driver certificate shall not be removed from the inside of the vehicle unless there is a change in driver or taxicab to which the driver shall obtain a new driver certificate and is made visible. Failure to adhere to this requirement shall be punishable in accordance with Section 182 of this Chapter. A taxicab driver certificate shall make visible and mount onto the passenger side dashboard and on the backseat of every taxi vehicle the following information:
 - (a) A photo of the driver of the taxicab;
 - (b) Full legal name of the taxicab driver;
 - (c) Date of birth;
 - (d) Driver License Number including a chauffer’s number if any;
 - (e) Date of issuance and expiration of driver’s license;
 - (f) Taxicab license plate number;
 - (g) Taxicab identification number;
 - (h) full name of the legal owner or owners of the taxi vehicle and company.
- (6) All persons applying to operate a taxicab shall first obtain a police clearance from the Marshall Islands Police Department.
- (7) “Communicable disease “as used herein includes those enumerated by the World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control, and the Health Services of the South Pacific Commission in their epidemiological reporting system, and any other diseases declared to be communicable diseases by the Secretary of Health Services.

- (3) Section 152 of the Motor Traffic Act is amended as follows:

§152. Report forms.

The Commissioner shall supply the police and other suitable agencies with forms for accident reports calling for sufficiently detailed information to disclose with reference to a highway accident the cause, conditions then existing and the persons and vehicles involved.

- (4) Section 163 of the Motor Traffic Act is amended as follows:

§163. Variation of fees.

The Minister in charge of the subject of Public Safety may, after consultation with the Minister of Finance, vary the fees set out in Parts II, III, and VI, by regulation.

- (5) Section 167 of the Motor Traffic Act is amended as follows:

§167. Revenue.

Out of all monies collected by the Public Safety under this Chapter, fifty percent (50%) shall be credited to the Local Government Councils which have not established their respective Citation Systems and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be credited to the Marshall Islands General Fund.

- (6) Section 171(2) of the Motor Traffic Act is amended as follows:

§171. Obligations of the Insurer.

....

- (2) The insurer shall issue a certificate of insurance in accordance with Section 170 of this Chapter, which shall indicate that the insurance premiums with respect to the vehicle in question have been fully paid to insure coverage for the current year of the registration period.

§103. Effective date

This Act shall take effect on the date of its certification in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedures for the Nitijela.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

- 1. That Nitijela Bill No: **110ND1** was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the **22nd** day of **September** 2023; and
- 2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No: **110ND1** was passed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela.

I hereby place my signature before the Clerk this 25th day of October 2023.



Hon. Kenneth A. Kedi
Speaker
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Attest:



Carl Alik
Assistant Clerk
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

SCHEDULE

(PURSUANT TO SECTION 126(5))

TAXICAB DRIVERS CERTIFICATE

Insert taxicab driver
Photo here.

Name of Taxicab Driver	
Date of Birth	
Drivers and Chauffer's License No.	
Date of Issuance of Driver's License:	
Date of Expiration of Driver's License	
Taxicab license plate No.	
Taxicab Identification No.	
Name of Taxi Vehicle Owner	