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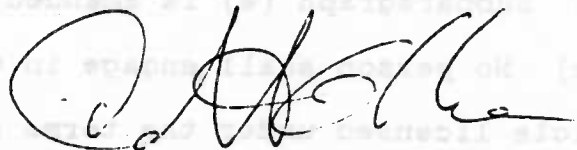
NOTICE

D.C. LAW 5-178

"Hacker's License Requirements Amendment Act
of 1984".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-
Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198,
"the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill
No. 5-453 on first and second readings, December 4, 1984 and
December 18, 1984, respectively. Following tne signature of
the Mayor on January 11, 1985, this legislation was assigned
Act No. 5-243, published in the February 8, 1985 edition of the
D.C. Register, (Vol. 32 page 757) and transmitted to Congress
January 23, 1985 for a 30-day review, in accordance witn Section
602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice
that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and
therefore, cites tnis enactment as D.C. Law 5-178, effective
March 15, 1985.

DAVID A. CLARKE
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

January   23,24,25,28,29,30,31
February   1,4,5,6,7,19,20,21,22,25,26,27,28
March   1,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 5 - 243

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JAN 1 1 1985

To amend An Act making appropriations to provide for the
    expenses of the government of the District of Columbia
    for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen
    hundred and three, and for other purposes, to modify
    the requirements for receiving a hacker's license; and
    for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the "Hacker's License

Requirements Amendment Act of 1984".

Sec. 2. Paragraph 31 of section 7 of An Act making

appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government

of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June

thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, and for other

purposes, approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. 626; D.C. Code,

sec. 47-2829(e)), is amended as follows:

(a) Subparagraph (e) is amended to read as follows:

D.C. Code,
sec. 47-2829
(1985 supp.)

"(e) No person shall engage in driving or operating

any vehicle licensed under the terms of subparagraphs (c)

and (d) without having procured from the Mayor of the

District of Columbia a license which shall not be issued

except upon evidence satisfactory to the Mayor of the

District of Columbia that the applicant is a person of good

moral character and is qualified to operate the vehicle, and

upon payment of an annual license fee of thirty-five

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dollars. The license shall be displayed within the vehicle
at all times while the licensee is engaged in driving any
vehicle licensed under the terms of subparagraphs (c) and
(d). Application for the license shall be made in the form
as shall be prescribed by the Mayor of the District of
Columbia. Each annual license issued under the provisions
of this subsection shall be numbered, and there shall be
kept in the Department of Public Works a record containing
the name of each person so licensed, the person's annual
license number, the name of the association, corporation, or
organization that maintains the lease agreement with the
licensee, and all matters affecting the person's
qualifications to be licensed. No license issued under the
provisions of this subsection shall be assigned or
transferred.

"Upon the effective date of the Hacker's License
Requirements Amendment Act of 1984, the following additional
licensing requirements shall apply to all persons who apply
for a license to operate any vehicle licensed under the
terms of subparagraph (d):

"(1) Completion of the twelve-hour hacker's
license training course ('course') administered exclusively
by the University of the District of Columbia ('University')
for a fee of twenty-five dollars for each person. Upon
completion of the course, the University shall issue a
certificate of completion which shall include the date of
completion and shall be presented to the Mayor of the
District of Columbia with the application for a license.

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The certificate of completion shall be issued only when an applicant has attended every session of the twelve-hour course. The Mayor shall designate appropriate representatives of the Department of Public Works, the Metropolitan Police Department, the Hacker's License Appeal Board and representatives of the taxicab industry to advise the University on problems and issues facing the taxicab industry and to assist in developing and implementing the course. At a minimum, this course shall be designed to develop the applicant's knowledge of the following:

"(A) the geography of the Washington metropolitan area, with particular emphasis on major streets and avenues throughout the District of Columbia, significant government buildings and tourist sites, and the boundaries of the zone map;

"(B) District of Columbia laws and regulations governing the taxicab industry and the penalties for violating these laws and regulations;

"(C) District of Columbia traffic laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the rights and duties of motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists and the penalties for violating these laws and regulations;

"(D) public relations skills including appropriate social customs and courtesies which should be extended to the public; and

"(E) small business practices including methods of accounting and manifest maintenance, fare computations for intra-District of Columbia trips and

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interstate trips, and general management principles.

"(2) Completion of a sixty question examination which consists of and requires the following:

"(A) fifty multiple choice questions which adequately test all areas covered in the hacker's license training course. The applicant must correctly answer forty of these questions;

"(B) five questions requiring a written response which test the applicant's knowledge of the Washington metropolitan area and which only require the applicant to state the route the person would take to arrive at a destination from a particular location. The applicant must correctly answer four of these questions; and

"(C) five questions requiring an oral response which test selected areas covered in the hacker's license training course and the applicant's ability to communicate in English. The applicant must correctly answer four of these questions.

"(3) Each applicant may repeat the examination three times, if necessary. However, upon the third failure, the applicant must repeat the hacker's license training course and present a new certificate of completion before repeating the the examination. The Mayor of the District of Columbia shall construct a pool of no less than three hundred questions from which the sixty questions shall be drawn for each examination which is administered. This pool shall be kept from public dissemination and shall be substantially revised at a minimum of every two years to

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protect the integrity of the examination.".

(b) By adding new subparagraphs to read as follows:

"(e-1) Within six months of the effective date of the Hacker's License Requirements Amendment Act of 1984, the Mayor of the District of Columbia shall develop, and submit to the Council of the District of Columbia for approval by resolution, a comprehensive point system to evaluate the record of a person licensed under the terms of subsection (e). Each violation of every rule or regulation pertaining to the ownership and operation of taxicabs, including violations of general traffic laws and regulations while operating a taxicab, shall be given a point value effective for three years. The record maintained by the Department of Public Works for each licensee pursuant to paragraph (e) shall be assigned the point value for the violation upon the final determination of liability by the Hacker's License Board, the Bureau of Traffic Adjudication, the Director of the Department of Public Works, or any other designee of the Mayor responsible for the determination. The comprehensive point system shall include the maximum point total to determine when the Mayor of the District of Columbia shall propose to suspend or revoke the license. If the license is revoked pursuant to this subparagraph or other law or regulation, the person must complete the requirements contained in subparagraph (e)(1) and (2) before the person may receive a new license. If the license is suspended pursuant to this subparagraph or other law or regulation, the licensee must complete the requirements contained in
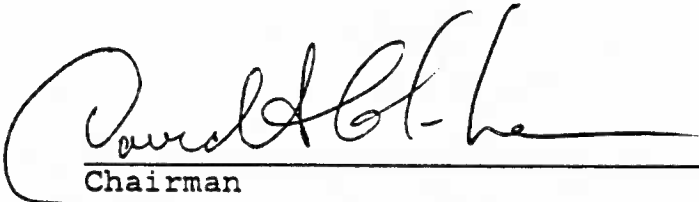
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subparagraph (e)(1) and present to the Mayor of the District
of Columbia the certificate of completion for the hacker's
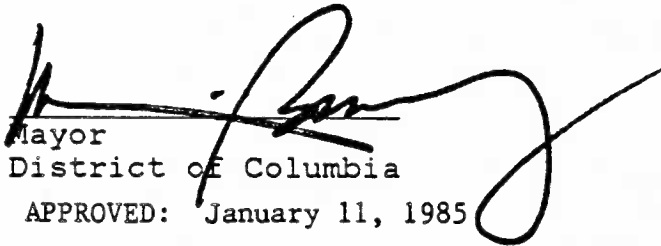training course before the period of suspension is
terminated.

"(e-2) All records required to be maintained by this
section shall be transferred quarterly to the association,
corporation, or organization that maintains the lease or
membership agreement with the licensee, shall be
cross-referenced according to the association, corporation,
or organization, and shall be available for public
inspection.

"(e-3) The Mayor may issue rules to implement the
provisions of subparagraphs (e) through (e-2) pursuant to
title 1 of the District of Columbia Administrative
Procedures Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204;
D.C. Code, sec. 1-1501 et seq.) .".

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect after a 30-day
period of Congressional review following approval by the
Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the
Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as
provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia
Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act,

approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec.

1-233(c)(1)).

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Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia
APPROVED: January 11, 1985

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Council Period Five — Second Session

RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL VOTE

DOCKET NO: ___B5-453___

☒ Item on Consent Calendar

☒ ACTION & DATE: _____ Adopted First Reading, 12-04-84 _____

☒ VOICE VOTE: _____ Unanimous _____

Recorded vote on request

Absent: _____ Smith _____

☐ ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT _____ (___/___/___/___)

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JARVIS					ROLARK					WINTER				
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MASON					SMITH, JR.									

X — Indicates Vote   A.B. — Absent   N.V. — Present, not voting

CERTIFICATION RECORD

[signature]   12/26/84
Secretary to the Council   Date

☒ Item on Consent Calendar

☒ ACTION & DATE: _____ Adopted Final Reading 12-18-84 _____

☒ VOICE VOTE: _____ Unanimous _____

Recorded vote on request

Absent: _____ Winter _____

☐ ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT _____ (___/___/___/___)

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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