

AN ACT

**D.C. ACT 21-658**

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**FEBRUARY 9, 2017**

To amend the Department of For-Hire Vehicles Establishment Act of 1985 to change the name of the Disability Taxicab Advisory Committee to the Vehicle-for-Hire Accessibility Advisory Committee, to clarify the committee's structure, to provide the committee with administrative and budgetary support, to require private and public vehicle-for-hire companies to maintain records regarding requests for wheelchair-accessible service, and to require companies that use digital dispatch to provide passengers with the ability to request a wheelchair-accessible vehicle; and to amend Chapter 18 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide a wheelchair-accessible vehicle tax credit for a taxpayer that upgrades a vehicle to make it a wheelchair-accessible vehicle or that purchases a wheelchair-accessible vehicle.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Vehicle-for-Hire Accessibility Amendment Act of 2016".

Sec. 2. The Department of For-Hire Vehicles Establishment Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code § 50-301.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 4(8) (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.03(8)) is amended by striking the phrase "Disability Taxicab Advisory Committee" and inserting the phrase "Vehicle-for-Hire Accessibility Advisory Committee" in its place.

(b) Section 20f (D.C. Official Code § 50-301.25) is amended as follows:

(1) The section heading is amended by striking the phrase "Accessible taxicabs" and inserting the phrase "Accessible public and private vehicles-for-hire" in its place.

(2) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase "Taxicab service" and inserting the phrase "Public and private vehicle-for-hire service" in its place.

(3) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

(A) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase "Disability Taxicab Advisory Committee to advise the Commission on how to make taxicab service" and inserting the phrase "Vehicle-for-Hire Accessibility Advisory Committee to advise the DFHV on how to make public and private vehicle-for-hire service" in its place.

(B) Paragraph (2)(A) is amended as follows:

(i) Sub-subparagraph (vi) is amended by striking the phrase ", when appropriate; and" and inserting a semicolon in its place.