FIRST GUAM ^CLEGISLATURE 1951 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill Number 13, "An Act relating to taxicabs; amending the Vehicle Code by amending Section 100 thereof; and by adding thereto Sections 125, 126, 127 and 128", was on the 10th day of August, 1951, duly and regularly passed.

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Speaker

ATTESTED: A. S. N. DUENAS Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 14 0 day of August, 1951, at 9:18 o'clock A.M.

R. S. HERMAN

Secretary of Guam

APPROVED:

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CARLTON SKINNER GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Dated:_ August

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| 4 | Introduced by Day as les |
| 5 | Manuel F. L. Guerrero |
| 6 | An Act relating to taxicabs; amending the |
| 7 | Vehicle Code by amending Section 100 thereof; and by adding thereto Sections 125, 126, 127 |
| 8 | and 128. |
| 9 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM: |
| 10 | Sec. 1. Guan Congress Bill No. 4, approved December 19, 1947, |
| 11 | as amended by Executive Order No. 9-49, known as the Vehicle Code, is |
| 12 | emended by amending Subsection (d) of Section 100 thereof to read as |
| 13 | follows: |
| 14 | S 100(d). No vehicle shall be operated upon the highways of |
| 15 | Guam for the transportation of persons for hire unless such vehicle is |
| 16 | insured under a general or public liability policy of insurance issued |
| 17 | by a qualified insurance company for a minimum coverage of \$10,000 - |
| 18 | \$20,000 for personal injury and \$5,000 property damage. The owner of a |
| 19 | vehicle operated or used as a taxicab shall be held responsible for |
| 20 | compliance with this section. |
| 21 | Sec. 2. Guam Congress Bill No. 4, approved December 19, 1947, |
| 22 | as emended by Executive Order No. 9-49, known as the Vehicle Code, is |
| 23 | amended by adding the following new sections 125, 126, 127 and 128. |
| 24 | S 125. (a) No person shall operate a taxicab upon a highway |
| 25 | for rent or hire without having in his immediate possession a valid taxi- |
| 26 | cab driver's license. |
| 27 | (b) In addition to the necessary qualifications set forth in |
| 28 | subsections (e) and (h) of section 3, of this Code for a chauffeur, an |
| 29 | applicant for a taxicab driver's license must be a citizen of the United |
| 30 | States, a permanent resident of the territory of Guam, or a citizen of |
| 31 | any other territory under the administration of the United States, and |
| 32 | over the age of 21 years. No person shall be licensed as a taxicab |
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driver who shall have ever been convicted of murder, manslaughter, mayhem, 1 kidnapping, robbery, burglary, grand theft, assault under Sections 216, 2 217, 220, 221, 222, 244, or 245 of the Penal Code, rape or any violation 3 of Sections 265, 266, 266a, 266b, 266c, 266d, 266f, 267, 286, 288, 288a, 4 311, 315, 316, violation of paragraph (C) or (E) of subsection (2) of 5 6 Section 649 of the Penal Code, violation of Sections 642, 643, or 644 of 7 the Penal Code, or who shall have been twice convicted of violation of 8 Sections 120, 121 or 122 of this Code. For the purposes of this section, 9 a plea of guilty shall be deemed a conviction.

(c) All applications for a taxicab driver's license shall be
referred to the Commissioner of Public Safety who, under such reasonable
and uniform regulations as he may prescribe, may require fingerprinting
and such oral or written examinations and driving tests as may be proper
to determine the fitness of each applicant. Thereafter the Commissioner
of Public Safety shall approve or disapprove each such application in
accordance with the provisions of this Code.

17 (d) Upon the approval of an application for a taxicab driver's
18 license, the applicant shall be required to pay the license fee of \$3.50
19 to the Treasurer of Guam prior to receiving the license.

(e) A taxicab driver's license entitles the licensee to all the
 rights and privileges of a taxicab driver.

(f) In addition to any other provisions for suspension or 22 23 revocation of driver's licenses contained in this Code, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall revoke permanently the license of any taxicab 24 25 driver upon his conviction of any of the offenses specified in this section. 26 or upon his second conviction of such an offense where two convictions 27 thereof is specified above. As to licenses revoked under this subdivision. 28 the last sentence of subdivision (e) of Section 5 of this Code shall not 29 apply.

30 (g) In all matters relating to taxicab driver's licenses, the
31 Commissioner of Public Safety shall have and exercise all of the powers
32 and duties vested in the Chief of Police or Police Department by

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1 Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this Code. The provisions of such sections 2 relating to driving privileges or driver's licenses in general shall 3 apply to taxicab driver's licenses, except insofar as inconsistent with 4 any of the provisions of Sections 125, 126, 127 or 128. 5 S 126. (a) From and after ninety (90) days from the effective 6 date hereof, every person operating a vehicle registered as a taxicab 7 shall permanently display in the interior of such vehicle, so as to be 8 plainly visible from wherever a passenger rides therein the following 9 information: 10 1. A photograph of the operator. 11 2. The full name of the operator. 12 3. The taxicab driver's license number. 13 4. A schedule of legal taxicab rates. 14 (b) The photograph, which shall be a true, clear, and recogniz-15 able likeness of the face of the operator, shall be of such size; the name, the taxicab driver's license number, and the schedule of taxi rates 16 17 shall be printed in such form and size, and all shall be displayed and 18 attached to the interior of the taxicab in such manner as the Commissioner of Public Safety by uniform regulations shall prescribe. 19 (c) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall, before the grant-20 ing of a taxicab driver's license assign a number of each applicant granted 21 22 a license, a license number starting with the figure one (1) by order of 23 their being granted license. Such taxicab driver's license shall remain 24 in full force and effect as the identification number for the taxicab 25 driver through the license years. The numbering shall begin anew at the 26 beginning of each and every license year following. S 127. From and after ninety (90) days following the effective 27 date hereof, every individual, partnership, company, corporation or other 28 29 business association in whose name a taxicab is registered shall permanently 30 display on both sides of the exterior of such taxicab the words "taxi" and the name under which it is registered. In the event that more than 31

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one taxicab is registered in the name of any one individual, partnership,

| 1 | company, corporation or other business association, such taxicabs shall |
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| 2 | be serially numbered and the applicable serial number similarly displayed |
| 3 | on both sides of the exterior of each such taxicab in such size and manner |
| 4 | as the Commissioner of Public Safety by uniform regulations shall prescribe. |
| 5 | S 128. Any violation of any of the provisions of Sections 100, |
| 6 | 125, 126 or 127 shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less |
| 7 | than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00, or by imprisonment for not more than |
| 8 | 130 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. |
| 9 | Sec. 3. This is an urgency measure and shall become effective |
| 10 | upon the date of its approval by the Governor. |
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