

involving taxicab permit holders and taxicab drivers under the Commission's jurisdiction; authorizing the recommendation of certain penalties for imposition by the Commission; changing the title of this position to Taxicab Hearing Officer; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the regulation of taxicabs by the Public Service Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 50H and 50K
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

50H.

Where it shall appear after an administrative review that by reason of the physical or mental condition of the applicant or by reason of a prior criminal record that the public convenience and necessity requires that an application for a license be denied, the applicant shall have the right to request a hearing by the Commission and the Commission may in its discretion have such hearing conducted by the taxicab [license] hearing officer. If after hearing, the Public Service Commission shall refuse to issue a license, the applicant shall have the right to appeal from such refusal in the same manner as appeals may now be taken from other actions of the Public Service Commission.

50K.

(a) There shall be created a position of taxicab [license] hearing officer. [He] THE TAXICAB HEARING OFFICER shall be appointed by the Commission and serve at the pleasure of the Commission. [He] THE TAXICAB HEARING OFFICER shall receive an annual salary as provided in the annual State budget.

(b) The taxicab [license] hearing officer shall be vested with the power to hold hearings involving [violations by taxicab drivers of Baltimore City taxicabs.]:

(1) VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE OR THE COMMISSION'S RULES AND REGULATIONS BY TAXICAB DRIVERS OF BALTIMORE CITY TAXICABS; AND

(2) VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE OR THE COMMISSION'S RULES AND REGULATIONS, EXCEPT THOSE RELATING TO RATES, BY HOLDERS OF TAXICAB PERMITS IN BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, AND THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND, ~~AND ANY INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN HAVING A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 50,000 PERSONS.~~