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AN ACT relating to taxicabs; increasing the fee for each compensable trip of a taxicab; increasing the fees for the issuance and renewal of a driver's permit to operate a taxicab; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 706.8826 is hereby amended to read as follows:

706.8826 1. The board of county commissioners of any county in which there is in effect an order for the allocation of taxicabs from a Taxicab Authority, and the governing body of each city within any such county, shall deposit to the credit of the Taxicab Authority Fund all of the tax revenue which is received from the taxicab business operating in the county and city, respectively.

2. For the purpose of calculating the amount due to the State under subsection 1, the tax revenue of a county does not include any amount which represents a payment for the use of county facilities or property.

3. Any certificate holder who is subject to an order of allocation by the Taxicab Authority shall pay to the Taxicab Authority \$100 per year for each taxicab that the Taxicab Authority has allocated to the certificate holder and a fee set by the Taxicab Authority that must not exceed ~~15~~ 20 cents per trip for each compensable trip of each of those taxicabs, which may be added to the meter charge. The money so received by the Taxicab Authority must be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Taxicab Authority Fund.

Sec. 2. NRS 706.8841 is hereby amended to read as follows:

706.8841 1. The Administrator shall issue a driver's permit to qualified persons who wish to be employed by certificate holders as taxicab drivers. Before issuing a driver's permit, the Administrator shall:

(a) Require the applicant to submit a set of his fingerprints, which must be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to ascertain whether the applicant has a criminal record and the nature of any such record, and shall further investigate the applicant's background; and

(b) Require proof that the applicant:

(1) Has been a resident of the State for 30 days before his application for a permit;

(2) Can read and orally communicate in the English language; and

(3) Has a valid license issued under NRS 483.325 which authorizes him to drive a taxicab in this state.

2. The Administrator may refuse to issue a driver's permit if the applicant has been convicted of:

(a) A felony, other than a felony involving any sexual offense, in this state or any other jurisdiction within 5 years before the date of the application;

(b) A felony involving any sexual offense in this state or any other jurisdiction at any time before the date of the application; or

(c) A violation of NRS 484.379 or 484.3795 or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct within 3 years before the date of the application.

3. The Administrator may refuse to issue a driver's permit if the Administrator, after the background investigation of the applicant, determines that the applicant is morally unfit or if the issuance of the driver's permit would be detrimental to public health, welfare or safety.

4. A taxicab driver shall pay to the Administrator, in advance, ~~[\$20]~~ \$40 for an original driver's permit and ~~[\$5]~~ \$10 for a renewal.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.