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AN ACT relating to taxicabs; revising the provisions governing service as a member of the Taxicab Authority; increasing the amount of petty cash available for the support of undercover investigations conducted by the Taxicab Authority; revising the requirement for a physician's certificate for employment as a driver of 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 706.8818 is hereby amended to read as follows:

706.8818 1. ~~[A]~~ *The* Taxicab Authority, consisting of five members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created. ~~[No]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 232A.020, the term of each member is 3 years and no* member may serve for more than 6 years. No more than three members may be members of the same political party, and no elected officer of the State or any political subdivision is eligible for appointment.

2. Each member of the Taxicab Authority is entitled to receive a salary of not more than \$80, as fixed by the Authority, for each day actually employed on work of the Authority.

3. While engaged in the business of the Taxicab Authority, each member and employee of the Authority is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

4. The Taxicab Authority shall maintain its principal office in the county or area of the State where it performs most of its regulatory activity.

5. The Taxicab Authority may adopt appropriate regulations for the administration and enforcement of NRS 706.881 to 706.885, inclusive, and , as it may deem necessary, for the conduct of the taxicab business and *for* the qualifications of and the issuance of permits to taxicab drivers, not inconsistent with the provisions of NRS 706.881 to 706.885, inclusive. The regulations may include different provisions to allow for differences among the counties to which NRS 706.881 to 706.885, inclusive, apply. Local law enforcement agencies and the Nevada Highway Patrol, upon request of the Authority, may assist in enforcing the provisions of NRS 706.881 to 706.885, inclusive, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

6. Except to the extent of any inconsistency with the provisions of NRS 706.881 to 706.885, inclusive, every regulation and order

issued by the Transportation Services Authority remains effective in a county to which those sections apply until modified or rescinded by the Taxicab Authority, and must be enforced by the Taxicab Authority.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 706.8825 is hereby amended to read as follows:

706.8825 1. All fees collected pursuant to NRS 706.881 to 706.885, inclusive, must be deposited by the Administrator to the credit of the Taxicab Authority Fund, which is hereby created as a special revenue fund. The transactions for each county subject to those sections must be accounted for separately within the Fund.

2. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Fund.

3. The revenues received pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 706.8826 are hereby appropriated to defray the cost of regulating taxicabs in the county or the city, respectively, making the deposit under that subsection.

4. The fees received pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 706.8826, NRS 706.8827, 706.8841 , **706.8848, 706.8849** and ~~[706.8848 to 706.885, inclusive.]~~ **706.885** are hereby appropriated to defray the cost of regulating taxicabs in the county in which the certificate holder operates a taxicab business.

5. Any balance remaining in the Fund does not revert to the State General Fund. The Administrator may transfer to the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources any balance over \$200,000 and any interest earned on the Fund, within the limits of legislative authorization for each fiscal year, to subsidize transportation for the elderly and the permanently handicapped in taxicabs. The money transferred to the Aging Services Division must be administered in accordance with regulations adopted by the Administrator of the Aging Services Division pursuant to NRS 427A.070.

6. The Administrator may establish an Account for Petty Cash not to exceed ~~[\$1,000]~~ **\$2,000** for the support of undercover investigation, and, if the Account is created, the Administrator shall reimburse the Account from the Taxicab Authority Fund in the same manner as other claims against the State are paid.

**Sec. 3.** NRS 706.8842 is hereby amended to read as follows:

706.8842 1. Before applying to a certificate holder for employment as a driver, a person ~~[shall]~~ **must** obtain a physician's certificate with two copies thereof from a physician who is licensed to practice in the State of Nevada.

2. A physician shall issue the certificate and copies described in subsection 1 if he finds that a prospective driver meets the health requirements established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, 49 C.F.R. §§ 391.41 et seq.

3. The certificate described in subsection 1 must state that the physician has examined the prospective driver and has found that he meets the health requirements described in subsection 2. The certificate must be signed and dated by the physician.

4. The physician's certificate required by this section expires ~~3~~ 2 years after the date of issuance and may be renewed.

**Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.