

REFERENCE TITLE: taxi drivers; sex offenders prohibited

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Introduced by
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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-9507, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO VEHICLES FOR HIRE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-9507, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-9507. Vehicles for hire; criminal background checks;
5 vehicle safety records; zero-tolerance policy;
6 drug and alcohol use by driver; passenger
7 complaints

8 A. A vehicle for hire company that is issued a permit by the
9 department shall have available for inspection at all times by the
10 department written evidence of a criminal background check conducted for
11 any driver operating a vehicle for hire for the vehicle for hire company,
12 whether as an employee or lessee. The criminal background check shall be
13 completed before the driver is engaged as an employee or lessee. **IF THE**
14 **DRIVER WAS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE DRIVER TO**
15 **REGISTER PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-3821, THE DRIVER MAY NOT BE ENGAGED AS AN**
16 **EMPLOYEE OR A LESSEE OF A VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMPANY.**

17 B. A vehicle for hire company that is issued a permit by the
18 department shall require that all of the company's vehicles for hire that
19 are used to provide passenger transportation meet state vehicle safety and
20 emissions standards for private vehicles and shall require the vehicles
21 for hire to have, at a minimum, an annual brake and tire inspection that
22 is performed by a qualified party. The vehicle for hire company shall
23 maintain vehicle safety and emissions inspection records for at least two
24 years and make the records available to the department on request.

25 C. A vehicle for hire company shall implement a zero-tolerance
26 policy on the use of drugs and alcohol while a vehicle for hire driver is
27 providing passenger transportation or is available to provide passenger
28 transportation. The vehicle for hire company shall provide notice of this
29 policy on its website or in the vehicle for hire, including procedures to
30 file a complaint about a driver with whom a passenger was matched and who
31 the passenger reasonably suspects was under the influence of drugs or
32 alcohol during the course of the passenger transportation.

33 D. On receipt of a passenger complaint alleging a violation of the
34 zero-tolerance policy, the vehicle for hire company shall do both of the
35 following:

36 1. Immediately suspend the vehicle for hire driver's access to the
37 company's vehicle for hire.

38 2. Conduct an investigation into the filed complaint. The
39 suspension shall last the duration of the investigation.

40 E. If the vehicle for hire company's investigation confirms that
41 the driver has violated the policy required by subsection C of this
42 section, the vehicle for hire company shall permanently prohibit the
43 driver's access to the company's vehicles for hire. The vehicle for hire
44 company shall maintain enforcement records for at least two years after
45 the date a passenger complaint is received by the company and make the
46 records available to the department on request.