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§ 22-3751. ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES COMMITTED AGAINST TAXICAB DRIVERS.

Any person who commits an offense listed in § 22-3752 against a taxicab driver who, at the time of the offense, has a current license to operate a taxicab in the District of Columbia or any United States jurisdiction and is operating a taxicab in the District of Columbia may be punished by a fine of up to one and 1/2 times the maximum fine otherwise authorized for the offense and may be imprisoned for a term of up to one and 1/2 times the maximum term of imprisonment otherwise authorized for the offense, or both.

(June 9, 2001, D.C. Law 13-307, § 2, 48 DCR 600; July 23, 2008, D.C. Law 17-206, § 2(a), 55 DCR 5168.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Effect of Amendments

D.C. Law 17-206, in the section name line, inserted "for offenses committed against taxicab drivers"; and substituted "operating" for "lawfully operating".

Legislative History of Laws

Law 13-307, the "Taxicab Drivers Protection Act of 2000", was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 13-638, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on November 8, 2000, and December 5, 2000, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on December 21, 2000, it was assigned Act No. 13-515 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review. D.C. Law 13-307 became effective on June 9, 2001.

Law 17-206, the "Transit Operator Protection and Enhanced Penalty Amendment Act of 2008", was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 17-233 which was referred to Public Safety and Judiciary. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on March 4, 2008, and April 1, 2008, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on April 14, 2008, it was assigned Act No. 17-338 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review. D.C. Law 17-206 became effective on July 23, 2008.

§ 22-3751.01. ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES COMMITTED AGAINST TRANSIT OPERATORS AND METRORAIL STATION MANAGERS.

(a) Any person who commits an offense enumerated in § 22-3752 against a transit operator, who, at the time of the offense, is authorized to operate and is operating a mass transit vehicle in the District of Columbia, or against Metrorail station manager while on duty in the District of Columbia, may be punished by a fine of up to one and 1/2 times the maximum fine otherwise authorized for the offense and may be imprisoned for a term of up to one and 1/2 times the maximum term of imprisonment otherwise authorized by the offense, or both.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the term:

(1) "Mass transit vehicle" means any publicly or privately owned or operated commercial vehicle for the carriage of 6 or more passengers, including any Metrobus, Metrorail, Metroaccess, or DC Circulator vehicle or other bus, trolley, or van operating within the District of Columbia.

(2) "Metrorail station manager" means any Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority employee who is assigned to supervise a Metrorail station from a kiosk at that station.

(3) "Transit operator" means a person who is licensed to operate a mass transit vehicle.

(June 9, 2001, D.C. Law 13-307, § 2a, as added July 23, 2008, D.C. Law 17-206, § 2(b), 55 DCR 5168.)

§ 22-3752. ENUMERATED OFFENSES.

The provisions of §§ 22-3751 and 22-3751.01 shall apply to the following offenses or any attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the following offenses: murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, assault with a dangerous weapon, mayhem or maliciously disfiguring, threats to do bodily harm, first degree sexual abuse, second degree sexual abuse, third degree sexual abuse, fourth degree sexual abuse, misdemeanor sexual abuse, robbery, carjacking, and kidnapping.

(June 9, 2001, D.C. Law 13-307, § 3, 48 DCR 600; July 23, 2008, D.C. Law 17-206, § 2(c), 55 DCR 5168.)