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§ 50-101. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this chapter:

- (1) "Consumer" means the purchaser of any food or any person who eats the purchased food.
- (2) "Driver safety course" means an employer-sponsored course designed to teach defensive driving and road safety skills.
- (3) "Food delivery service" means a service offered by a restaurant or retail business for the delivery of food or food products directly to a consumer.
- (4) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled by an internal combustion engine, electricity, or steam. The term "motor vehicle" shall not include a road roller, farm tractor, vehicle propelled only upon a stationary rail or track, or a battery-operated wheelchair operated by a person with a disability at a speed not exceeding 10 miles per hour.
- (5) "Restaurant" means a place in the District of Columbia ("District") that sells or prepares food, drinks, or refreshments to be consumed by persons on or off the premises where prepared or sold.

(Sept. 20, 1990, D.C. Law 8-162, § 2, 37 DCR 4671; Apr. 24, 2007, D.C. Law 16-305, § 74, 53 DCR 6198.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 40-1901.

Effect of Amendments

D.C. Law 16-305, in par. (4), substituted "person with a disability" for "handicapped person".

Legislative History of Laws

Law 8-162, the "Food Delivery Insurance Requirements Act of 1990," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 8-401, which was referred to the Committee on Public Works. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on May 29, 1990, and June 12, 1990, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on June 29, 1990, it was assigned Act No. 8-225 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

Law 16-305, the "People First Respectful Language Modernization Act of 2006", was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 16-664, which was referred to Committee on the Whole. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on June 20, 2006, and July 11, 2006, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on July 17, 2006, it was assigned Act No. 16-437 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review. D.C. Law 16-305 became effective on April 24, 2007.

§ 50-102. INSURANCE, INSPECTION, AND REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

(a) Any motor vehicle used for food delivery service shall be insured for the business purpose of food delivery by the food delivery service employer. The food delivery service employer shall certify quarterly with the Mayor that the motor vehicle is insured.

(b) Any motor vehicle used for food delivery service, but not required to be registered in the District of Columbia under subchapter I of Chapter 15 of this title, shall be inspected annually pursuant to Chapter 6 of Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations. For this inspection, the Mayor shall prescribe an annual inspection fee of not less than \$25, to be collected in the same manner as prescribed for motor vehicles registered in the District.

(Sept. 20, 1990, D.C. Law 8-162, § 3, 37 DCR 4671.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 40-1902.

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 8-162, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 50-101.

§ 50-103. DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAMS.

Any food delivery service driver shall complete a driver safety course within the 1st 90 days of employment. The driver safety course shall be approved by the Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services.

(Sept. 20, 1990, D.C. Law 8-162, § 4, 37 DCR 4671.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 40-1903.

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 8-162, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 50-101.

§ 50-104. PENALTY.

Any person who violates this chapter shall be subject to a civil fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for the 1st offense or not less than \$500 nor more than \$1000 for the 2nd or subsequent offense, a suspension of the restaurant or other business license for up to 60 days, or both.

(Sept. 20, 1990, D.C. Law 8-162, § 5, 37 DCR 4671.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 40-1904.

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 8-162, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 50-101.

§ 50-105. RULES.

The Mayor shall, pursuant to subchapter I of Chapter 5 of Title 2, issue proposed rules to implement the provisions of this chapter. The proposed rules shall be submitted to the Council for a 45-day review, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays, and days of Council recess. If the Council does not approve or disapprove the proposed rules, in whole or in part, by resolution within this 45-day review period, the proposed rules shall be deemed approved.

(Sept. 20, 1990, D.C. Law 8-162, § 6, 37 DCR 4671.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 40-1905.

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 8-162, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 50-101.