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PUBLIC TRANSPORT COUNCIL ACT (CHAPTER 259B)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT COUNCIL (EXEMPT RIDE-HAIL SERVICE PROVIDERS) ORDER 2020

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 27 of the Public Transport Council Act, the Public Transport Council makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order is the Public Transport Council (Exempt Ride-hail Service Providers) Order 2020 and comes into operation on 30 October 2020.

Definitions

- 2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires
 - "hirer" means the person by whom a taxi is hired to transport the hirer (with or without other passengers), and includes a person attempting to hire a taxi;
 - "Singapore-Johore taxi service" means a ride-hail service whereby —

- (a) the hiring is for a journey by taxi
 - (i) that starts anywhere in Singapore and ends at Larkin Terminal in Johore Bahru; or
 - (ii) that starts at Larkin Terminal in Johore Bahru and ends at any destination in Singapore;
- (b) the provision of the service is for a fixed sum agreed between the hirer and the ride-hail service licensee which owns the taxi; and
- (c) no other fares are payable by the passengers to the taxi driver or the ride-hail service licensee which owns the taxi;
- "taxi driver", in relation to a taxi, means the individual driving the taxi and holding a valid licence under Part V of the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 276) authorising him or her to drive the taxi for hire or reward;
- "wheelchair-accessible taxi" means a taxi bearing a vehicle registration number set out in the Schedule.

Exempt ride-hail service provider

- **3.**—(1) A ride-hail industry participant who provides any ride-hail service as follows, and any taxi driver of a taxi used for any ride-hail service as follows, is exempt from sections 23(2A)(a) and (2B) and 23E(1) of the Act with respect to fares for the provision of that ride-hail service if it is provided in the manner described in sub-paragraph (2):
 - (a) a Singapore-Johore taxi service;
 - (b) a ride-hail service using a wheelchair-accessible taxi for the carriage of any passenger, whether or not travelling in a wheelchair.
- (2) Every ride-hail fare for a ride-hail service mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a), and every ride-hail fare for a ride-hail service mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b) that is not a fixed sum or rate agreed upon between the person who booked the service and the ride-hail industry participant, must —

- (a) be published by the ride-hail industry participant providing the service concerned in such manner as will secure adequate publicity for that fare among members of the public and
 - (i) at least 7 days before the ride-hail service is offered or provided to the public at that ride-hail fare; or
 - (ii) if the ride-hail service is offered or provided to the public immediately before 30 October 2020, within 7 days after that date; and
- (b) be lodged with the Council by that ride-hail industry participant or taxi driver
 - (i) at least 28 days before the ride-hail service is offered or provided to the public at that ride-hail fare; or
 - (ii) if the ride-hail service is offered or provided to the public immediately before 30 October 2020, within 7 days after that date.

Exempt vehicle pooling arrangements

4. A person who provides a passenger transport service using bookable vehicles for hire or reward whereby the passengers are transported under a vehicle pooling arrangement described in regulation 4(1) or (2) of the Point-to-Point Passenger Transport Industry Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 422/2020) is exempt from sections 23(2A) and (2B) and 23E(1) of the Act, with respect to fares for the provision of that service.

THE SCHEDULE

Paragraph 2

VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS OF WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE TAXIS

- 1. SHB0098M
- 2. SHC4188E
- 3. SHB0103G
- 4. SHB0190D
- 5. SHF0419A
- 6. SHB0108T
- 7. SHF0420U
- 8. SHF0430R
- 9. SHF0422P
- 10. SHF0423L
- 11. SHF0433H
- 12. SHF0432K
- 13. SHF0421S
- 14. SHF0431M
- 15. SHF0428Z
- 16. SHF0427B
- 17. SHF0426D
- 18. SHF0425G
- 19. SHF0424J
- 20. SHF0429X
- 21. SHB0123Z
- 22. SHB1077S
- 23. SHB0191B
- 24. SHB0012K
- 25. SHB0786K
- 26. SHB0882R
- 27. SHB0919U

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- 28. SHB0238B
- 29. SHB0017Y
- 30. SHB1321L

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