

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Board of Education ("Board"), pursuant to the authority generally set forth in D.C. Code, 2001 Edition, Section 38-101, and specifically provided in D.C. Code, 2001 Edition, Section 38-102(c) (relating to establishment of guidelines and goals for academic achievement), hereby gives notice of emergency and proposed rulemaking action taken by the Board at its meeting held on February 13, 2006, to amend Chapters 38 of the Board Rules, Title 5 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations regarding State Education Agency Functions of the Board of Education.

This amendment, if enacted, will effect the following actions: establish District-wide standards for knowledge and achievement in science for all students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 that attend public school in the District of Columbia, including public charter schools.

Emergency rulemaking is necessary because the implementation process for the new standards, including professional and curriculum development, must begin immediately to ensure that all District of Columbia students receive full benefit beginning in school year 2006 - 2007.

The emergency rulemaking took effect following approval by the Board at its meeting of February 13, 2006. The emergency rulemaking shall expire within 120 days of February 13, 2006, or upon publication of a Notice of Final Rulemaking in the *D.C. Register*, whichever occurs first.

The Board also gives notice of its intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt the proposed rulemaking in not less than thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice in the D.C. Register.

Add Section 3807:

**3807 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STANDARDS FOR
ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE**

3807.1 The "District of Columbia Science Pre-K through Grade 12 Standards" are adopted for use by all public schools in the District of Columbia. The Standards shall be made available to the public:

(a) Upon request to the District of Columbia Public Schools Office of Academic Services;

**(b) Through the distribution of copies to each DC public school facility;
and**

(c) By posting of the Standards on the District of Columbia Public Schools web page, www.k12.dc.us.

3807.2 The State Education Officer shall develop appropriate directives to

execute his responsibilities under this section.

Written comments on the emergency and proposed rulemaking are invited from interested citizens. Such comments should be addressed to Mr. Russell Smith, Executive Director, D.C. Board of Education, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. This rulemaking is available on the District of Columbia Public Schools website at http://www.k12.dc.us/dcps/boe/boe_frame.html. Copies of this rulemaking are available from the Office of the Board of Education by calling (202) 442-4289.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION

PANEL ON RATES AND RULES

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY/PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission ("Commission"), by its Panel on Rates and Rules (Panel) pursuant to the authority set forth under §§8(b)(1)(A), 9(b) and 18(a) of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code §§50-307(b)(1)(A), 50-308(b), 50-317(a))), hereby gives notice of its emergency rulemaking action on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, to add § 802.12 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations ("DCMR") and amend Appendix 8-2 (Taxicab Zone Map and Charges), governing taxicab service rates and charges. Through its proposed rulemaking action, the Commission voted to amend its prior emergency/proposed rulemaking action taken on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, amending the wait time charges for taxicab rides. At that time, the Commission proposed to no longer charge for wait time for the initial first three (3) minutes, but instead require passengers to be charged one dollar (\$1.00) for every two (2) minutes or any fraction thereof. The effective date of the previous emergency rulemaking was 12:01 am Monday, January 9, 2006. Subsequently, the Commission determined that the wait time charges that applied to taxicab rides prior to January 9, 2006, should be reinstated to maintain the status quo. Therefore, the effective date of this rulemaking is the date of adoption, i.e., Wednesday, January 18, 2006. The emergency rule will expire after one hundred and twenty (120) days after its adoption, or upon publication of a notice of final rulemaking in the *D.C. Register* which supersedes the emergency rules, whichever occurs first. The Commission also gives notice of intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt the proposed rules in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

The Commission found that the rulemaking should be changed so that taxicab operators may be able to continue to meet their public service obligations to provide vital transportation service to the public and to preserve the status quo. The increased costs of operating a taxicab may cause many taxicab operators to leave the industry or discontinue taxicab service because they may not earn a fair return on their investment. Also, taxicab operators may not be able to meet basic health and welfare needs for themselves or their families. The potential termination of taxicab service may affect senior citizens and persons with disabilities who rely on taxicab service for medical care, extended health services, physical therapy, social, and other supportive services.

The following section in 31 DCMR Chapter 8 is added and Appendix 8-2 (Taxicab Zone Map and Charges) is amended as follows:

802 OTHER CHARGES

802.12 A passenger shall not be charged for waiting time up to four (4) minutes and fifty-nine (59) seconds. Beginning at five (5) minutes, a passenger shall be charged two dollars (\$2.00) up to nine (9) minutes and fifty-nine (59) seconds,

or a fraction thereof. From ten (10) minutes up to fourteen (14) minutes and fifty-nine (59) seconds, or a fraction thereof, an additional charge of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) shall be imposed. Beginning at fifteen (15) minutes, the charge shall convert to the hourly rate prorated at five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) on the quarter hour, or fraction thereof.

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of this proposed rulemaking should file comments in writing not later than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. Comments should be filed with Kimberly A. Lewis, Attorney Advisor, District of Columbia Taxicab Commission, 2041 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue, S.E., Suite 204, Washington, D.C. 20020. Copies of the proposed rulemaking may be obtained by writing to the above address.