

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION
PANEL ON RATES AND RULES**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission ("Commission"), by its Panel on Rates and Rules, pursuant to the authority set forth under sections 8(b)(1)(B) and 9(b) 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)(B), and 50-308(b)), hereby gives notice of its proposed rulemaking action taken February 1, 2005, to amend § 801 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations ("DCMR"). An initial notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the *DC Register* on August 22, 2003, at 50 DCR 7015. A public hearing was held on September 2, 2003, and comments were received by the Commission and taken into consideration. On March 2, 2004, the Commission decided to clarify the definition of a passenger and the discretion of taxicab operators to transport unaccompanied minors. On February 1, 2005, the Commission amended the rulemaking further to define the age of an older person. Final rulemaking action shall not be taken in less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register.

Title 31 DCMR, Section 801, PASSENGER RATES, is amended as follows:

Section 801.10 is amended; section 801.11 is amended and renumbered as section 801.12; and a new section 801.11 is added as follows:

801 PASSENGER RATES

- 801.10 The word "passenger" shall include one child five (5) years of age or younger accompanied by an older person. Only one child five (5) years of age or younger shall ride free; all others shall pay the full passenger rate established by the Commission. An older person shall be defined as one who is no less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- 801.11 The minimum age for a minor riding unaccompanied by an adult in a taxicab may, at the discretion of the driver, be no less than twelve (12) years old. The fare for the unaccompanied minor as stated here shall be the rate established by the Commission as displayed on the chart as set forth in § 801.1 of these rules.
- 801.12 Any trip originating or terminating on a street designated as a zone or subzone boundary, or at premises having a street address on and being served by a private driveway from the street, shall be considered as originating or terminating in the zone or subzone nearest the point of origin or termination.

Any person desiring to file written comments on the Panel's proposed rulemaking action must do so not later than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the District of Columbia Register. Comments should be filed with Kimberly A. Lewis, Attorney Advisor and Secretary,

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.