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TO PROVIDE FOR THE NUMBERING OF PUBLIC VEHICLES AND
CARTS AND TO REGULATE THE FARES PAYABLE IN
RESPECT OF PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

1949.
Cap. 180.

[17th May, 1907.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Law.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law—

“carriage” means any conveyance whether drawn by one or more animals or propelled or drawn by mechanical means, and includes public vehicles and public carriages;

“Principal Officer of Police” means the Superintendent or the officer in command of the police of the district;

“ proprietor ” means every person who, either alone or in partnership with any other person, keeps any carriage;

“ public carriage ” means any carriage for the conveyance of passengers which plies for hire;

“ public vehicle ” means any vehicle drawn by one or more animals which is ordinarily used for the carriage of passengers or goods for hire and includes a public carriage;

3. It shall be unlawful—

- (a) for any person to drive a public vehicle on any public road or street unless such vehicle has been numbered in accordance with this Law; and
- (b) for any proprietor of a carriage constructed for conveying merchandise or other materials or things to use or to permit it to be used on any public road or street unless such carriage has been numbered in accordance with this Law.

Obligation to have certain vehicles numbered.

4. (1) Every proprietor of a public vehicle or of a carriage constructed for conveying merchandise or other materials or things shall apply to the Principal Officer of Police for the issue to him of a number for such vehicle or carriage.

Issue of numbered plates.

(2) The Principal Officer of Police, whenever he assigns a number to such public vehicle or carriage, shall issue to the proprietor thereof a plate on which shall be legibly printed or marked the name, or a letter or letters indicating the name, of the district in which the plate is issued and the number so assigned, and the proprietor shall place and affix the plate in such place on the public vehicle or carriage and in such manner as the Principal Officer of Police shall deem best for rendering the number at all times plainly and distinctly visible.

(3) Upon the issue of a plate a fee of fifty mils shall be paid by the proprietor of the vehicle or carriage.

5. Before issuing such plate the Principal Officer of Police shall record the number, and the name and address of the person to whom it is issued in a book to be kept for the purpose and shall sign the same, and a copy thereafter made from such book and certified under the hand of the Principal Officer of Police to be a true copy shall be received as conclusive proof of all that is therein stated.

Register of numbers.

Procedure
on transfer.

6. (1) Whenever the proprietor of any carriage or public vehicle which has been numbered under the authority of this Law transfers it to any other person he and the transferee shall forthwith notify the transfer in writing or personally to the Principal Officer of Police in the district in which such transfer takes place, and it shall be the duty of the transferee to apply to have the carriage or vehicle renumbered in his name according to the provisions of this Law, and any omission to comply with the provisions of this section shall be deemed an offence under this Law.

(2) Upon receiving notice of the transfer the Principal Officer of Police shall make such entries in the book required to be kept under this Law as may be necessary to record the transfer and shall communicate the fact of the transfer to such other Principal Officer of Police as it may concern.

Prohibition
to use unsafe
public
carriages.

7. (1) If the Principal Officer of Police is at any time satisfied after inspection that any public carriage is not in a safe condition to be used he shall forthwith give notice in writing to the proprietor stating in what the unsafeness consists and prohibiting the use of such carriage until the same is put in such a safe condition as the Principal Officer of Police may deem sufficient:

Provided that any proprietor aggrieved by any decision of the Principal Officer of Police under this subsection may apply to the Commissioner of the district who shall as soon as possible inspect the carriage and may if he thinks fit cancel the notice.

(2) If while such notice remains in force and uncanceled by the Commissioner or the Principal Officer of Police any such public carriage is used the proprietor thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one pound for each time it is so used.

Offence to
use vehicle
unnumbered
or number
illegible.

8. (a) The proprietor of any public carriage or carriage constructed for conveying merchandise or other materials or things who uses or allows the same to be used on any public road or street without having a plate fixed thereon in accordance with this Law, or having such plate or any part thereof defaced or covered purposely so as to be illegible, and

Overloading
carriage.

(b) the proprietor of any public carriage who uses or allows the same to be used for carrying such a number of

persons or such a burden or load as shall be deemed to be excessive,

shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one pound for an offence under paragraph (a) and not exceeding two pounds for an offence under paragraph (b).

9. (1) Whoever drives any carriage or rides any animal on any public road or street in a manner so rash or negligent as to endanger human life or to be likely to cause hurt or injury to any other person shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or to a fine not exceeding five pounds or to both of such punishments. Dangerous driving and riding.

(2) Whoever being the person having the charge of any carriage is intoxicated or asleep while driving or in charge of the same shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three weeks or to a fine not exceeding three pounds.

(3) Whoever rides any bicycle or tricycle in any public road or street in a manner likely to cause hurt or injury to any other person shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two pounds.

(4) Whoever permits a carriage under his charge to be left on a public road without some competent person in charge thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two pounds.

10. No person shall drive a public carriage unless he shall have attained the age of eighteen and has been licensed under this Law. Age of licensee to drive

11. (1) Licences to drive public carriages shall be in the form in the Schedule or to the like effect and shall be issued by the Principal Officer of Police, on payment of fifty mils, to such persons as he shall be satisfied have had not less than one year's experience of driving and who shall produce certificates of good character from the mukhtar and an aza of their village or quarter or from two trustworthy persons. Licence to drive. Schedule.

(2) Such licences shall be in force until cancelled in manner hereinafter referred to.

12. Every person—

(a) who shall drive a public carriage without being licensed under this Law;

Offences.

- (b) who being licensed under this Law shall refuse, without good reason, to produce his licence to any police officer when called upon so to do; or
- (c) who being licensed under this Law shall commit the offence mentioned in paragraph (b) of section 8, shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

Cancellation
of licences.

13. Any person holding a licence to drive a public carriage under this Law who shall be convicted of an offence for the third time or any subsequent time under this Law shall be liable, at the discretion of the Court, in addition to any other penalty to have his licence cancelled by the Court who convicts him.

Stands for
public
carriages.

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14. It shall be lawful for Municipal Councils from time to time to make regulations for fixing the places within the Municipal limits at which public carriages must stand when plying for hire and not actually hired, and any driver of a public carriage who loiters in any public street or who causes a public carriage when plying for hire and not actually hired to stand at any place other than a place so fixed as aforesaid shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

Tariffs of
fares.

15. (1) Every Municipal Council shall fix and may from time to time alter the fares payable by persons hiring public carriages for journeys within the Municipal limits or within five miles from the Commissioner's office.

(2) The tariff of such fares shall come into operation when it has been approved by the Governor-in-Council and been published in the Gazette.

Tariff of
fares to be
affixed
inside
carriage.

16. (1) The Municipal Council shall deliver to every proprietor for each public carriage kept by him a card with the tariff of fares legibly printed thereon in English, Turkish and Greek, each such card to be numbered with the same number as the number of the carriage for which it is given.

(2) Every such proprietor shall, on pain of being liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty mils, keep such card affixed to the inside of such carriage, in such a position that it may be seen distinctly by any person travelling in the carriage.

(3) When any such card is worn out or rendered illegible by use, the proprietor shall procure a new card from the Municipal Council and affix the same in like manner, on pain of a like fine.

17. If the driver of any public carriage exacts or attempts to exact from any person any sum exceeding the fare to which he is entitled, such driver shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one pound.

Penalty on driver exacting more than the legal fare.

18. Any person who commits an offence under this Law for which a penalty is not hereinbefore specifically provided shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one pound.

Penalty.

19. All fines for offences under this Law committed within any Municipal limits shall be paid into the town fund.

Appropriation of certain penalties.

SCHEDULE.
(Section 11.)

FORM OF LICENCE.

The bearer of this Licence
of _____ is licensed to drive a public carriage.

(Signed)

Principal Officer of Police of the District.

Date _____