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### Sec. 13b-99-1. Definitions

As used in sections 13b-99-1 through 13b-99-8, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the following words and phrases shall mean:

(a) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of motor vehicles or his authorized representative;

(b) "Department" means the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(c) "Inspect" means to view closely and critically in order to ascertain, in accordance with accepted inspection standards, if the vehicle is in proper mechanical condition and all manufactured systems, including but not limited to safety-related equipment, are intact;

(d) "Inspection procedure" means the step-by-step process for inspecting a taxicab contained in the publication of the department entitled "Taxicab Inspection Procedure" dated 8/90 as such publication may be revised and updated;

(e) "Inspection report" means the department form entitled "Public Transportation Vehicle Inspection Certification" as such form may be revised and updated and used to record the results of a taxicab inspection;

(f) "Inspection standards" includes both (1) the publication entitled "Passenger Vehicle Inspection Guidelines" as from time to time revised and updated, and insofar as the standards may be applied under field conditions using ordinary visual and manual inspection techniques; and, (2) equipment and performance standards established by any provision of Title 14 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended;

(g) "Inspector" means a person authorized by the commissioner of motor vehicles having powers granted in accordance with section 14-8 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(h) "Repair" means to restore by replacing a part or fixing what is torn, broken, or otherwise malfunctioning;

(i) "Taxicab" means a taxicab as defined in section 13b-95 of the Connecticut General Statutes which has been granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity by the Connecticut Department of Transportation as provided in section 13b-97 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Effective July 27, 1993; amended April 13, 2007)

### Sec. 13b-99-2. Inspection required

(a) Each taxicab shall be inspected biennially within the ninety day period immediately preceding the expiration date of its registration. The commissioner may, in his discretion, designate another schedule for such biennial inspections in order to administer the program more efficiently or economically.

(b) All inspections performed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be performed by a licensed dealer or repairer, authorized by the commissioner to conduct such inspections, in accordance with the inspection procedures and inspection standards as defined in section 13b-99-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. No inspection, conducted pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be performed by a person, firm, or corporation with an ownership interest in the inspected vehicle or by any person employed by a person, firm, or corporation with an ownership interest in the inspected vehicle. For the purpose of this subsection, the term "ownership interest" shall include, but not be limited to, sole or joint ownership; a partnership interest; or being an officer, director, or shareholder of a corporation.

(c) The inspection of a taxicab, that is to be placed in service for the first time, shall be conducted by the Department at a designated branch of the Department with indoor inspection lanes. No taxicab shall be eligible for initial registration by the commissioner unless it has passed such inspection conducted by DMV. A list of designated branches will be maintained at the main office of the Department and shall be available upon request to any member of the public.

(d) A licensed dealer or repairer authorized by the commissioner to conduct such inspections shall be allowed to charge a maximum fee of twenty dollars (\$20) for each inspection performed. There shall be no fee charged for the re-inspection of failed items cited during the initial inspection.

(e) If a taxicab operator fails to comply with the inspection requirements of this section, the commissioner shall deny the renewal of its registration, and shall not permit registration until the taxicab meets such requirements.

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### **Sec. 13b-99-3. Inspection report**

(a) Each taxicab inspected by an authorized licensed dealer or repairer shall be issued an inspection report on a form provided by the commissioner. The report shall fully identify the taxicab, the date and time of the inspection, the place of inspection, the result of such inspection, and any other information required by the commissioner. The report shall be signed by the licensed dealer or repairer who performed the inspection. A copy of such report shall be furnished to the operator of each taxicab inspected and shall be carried in the taxicab at all times while the taxicab is being operated on a public highway. The report shall be retained by the licensed dealer or repairer, who performed the inspection, for a period of three years and made available for inspection upon request by any police officer or inspector designated by the commissioner. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall be a violation.

(b) The owner and operator of a taxicab shall conduct routine inspections of the vehicle and keep records of such inspection activity in a clear, logical and accurate format. Such records shall be made available for inspection upon request.

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### **Sec. 13b-99-4. Taxicab renewal registration. Inspection report**

A copy of the most recent inspection report showing that an inspection has been performed in accordance with the biennial schedule provided for in section 13b-99-2 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall be submitted to the department by attaching it to the registration renewal application. No registration renewal of a taxicab shall be issued unless the inspection report submitted with the renewal application indicates that the taxicab has passed the required inspection.

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### **Sec. 13b-99-5. Results of inspection**

A taxicab which does not have a current inspection report indicating that the taxicab has passed the required safety inspection shall not be operated on the highways to solicit or carry passengers. The owner of any taxicab who permits the carrying of passengers in such taxicab without a current inspection report indicating that the taxicab has passed the safety inspection shall commit an infraction, in accordance with the provisions of section 14-137 (a) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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**Sec. 13b-99-6. Unscheduled inspections**

The commissioner may, in his discretion, require and conduct an inspection of a taxicab, without charge, at any time during normal business hours.

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**Sec. 13b-99-7.**

Repealed, April 13, 2007.

**Sec. 13b-99-8. Violations. Hearings**

(a) A taxicab owner who has committed a violation as enumerated in Sections 13b-99-1 to 13b-99-5, inclusive, is subject to suspension, revocation or non-renewal of the taxicab registration in accordance with the provisions of Section 14-111 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) Any owner of a taxicab that is subject to suspension, revocation or nonrenewal of the registration of such taxicab in accordance with sections 13b-99-2 through 13b-99-5, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall be entitled to notice and an opportunity for hearing regarding such action in accordance with Chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(c) Any motor vehicle dealer or repairer licensed and authorized to perform taxicab inspections pursuant to section 13b-99-2 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, who makes any false statement on an inspection report shall be deemed to have violated section 14-64 (4) of the Connecticut General Statutes and shall be subject to the penalties prescribed for such violation.

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