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MALTA**KAMRA TAD-DEPUTATI****HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

ABBOZZ ta' Ligi mressaq mill-Onorevoli Joseph Cassar, M.P., Deputat Prim Ministru Anzjan u Ministru tal-Gustizzja u Affarijiet tal-Parlament u moqri għall-Ewwel Darba fis-Seduta tal-5 ta' Marzu, 1984.

A BILL introduced by the Honourable Joseph Cassar, M.P., Senior Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and read the First time at the Sitting of the 5th March, 1984.

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IL-PRESIDENT, bil-parir u l-kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorità ta' l-istess, hareġ b'liġi dan li ġej: —

Titolu fil-qosor u bidu fis-sehħ.

1. (1) Dan l-Att jista' jissejjah l-Att ta' l-1984 li jemenda l-Ordinanza dwar ir-Regulament tat-Traffiku, u għandu jinqara u jiftiehem haġa waħda ma' l-Ordinanza dwar ir-Regulament tat-Traffiku, hawnhekk iżjed 'il quddiem imsejha "il-liġi prinċipali".

(2) Dan l-Att għandu jibda jsehħ f'dik id-data li l-Ministru responsabbli għall-pulizija jista' jistabbilixxi b'avviż fil-Gazzetta.

Zieda ta' artikolu ġdid 15A mal-liġi prinċipali.

2. Minnufih wara l-artikolu 15 tal-liġi prinċipali għandu jiżdied l-artikolu ġdid li ġej:

15A. (1) Kull *taxi-car* għandha tkun mġhammra b'*taxi-meter* xieraq sabiex jiġi stabbilit in-numru ta' kilometri li jkunu saru u d-drittijiet legali relattivi għal kull vjaġġ.

(2) Kull *taxi-meter* li jitwaħħal f'*taxi-car* għandu jitqiegħed f'post fejn il-passiġġieri jkunu jistgħu jarawh sewwa.

(3) Kull persuna li tagħmel użu minn *taxi-car* għandha mal-bidu tal-kirja tiżgura li t-*taxi-meter* ta' dik il-karozza jkun jaħdem tajjeb sabiex jirreġistra sewwa skond is-subartikolu (1) ta' dan l-artikolu.

(4) Ebda persuna ma għandha tagħmel użu minn *taxi-car* jekk it-*taxi-meter* ta' dik il-karozza ma jkunx jaħdem tajjeb kif meħtieġ b'dan l-artikolu jew jekk dak it-*taxi-meter* ikollu s-siġilli miksuru jew ikun b'xi mod tbaġħbas.

(5) Ebda persuna ma għandha waqt li tkun qed tagħmel użu minn *taxi-car* tonqos li tħaddem *it-taxi-meter* waqt xi kirja, jew titlob xi ammont li jkun iżjed minn nol korrett, jew tikser is-sigilli tat-*taxi-meter*.

(6) Kull persuna li tikser xi waħda mid-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-artikolu tkun ħatja ta' reat u teħel meta tinsab ħatja —

(a) għall-ewwel reat multa ta' mhux inqas minn hamsin lira Maltija iżda mhux iżjed minn mitt lira Maltija u l-konfiska tat-*taxi-car* għal perijodu ta' mhux inqas minn xahar iżda mhux iżjed minn tliet xhur u l-iskwalifika milli jkollha liċenza tas-sewqan ta' *taxi-car* għall-istess perijodu;

(b) għat-tieni reat multa ta' mhux inqas minn mitt lira Maltija iżda mhux iżjed minn hames mitt lira Maltija u l-konfiska tat-*taxi-car* għal perijodu ta' mhux inqas minn tliet xhur iżda mhux iżjed minn sitt xhur u l-iskwalifika milli jkollha liċenza tas-sewqan ta' *taxi-car* għall-istess perijodu; u

(ċ) għat-tielet reat u għal kull reat ieħor wara multa ta' mhux inqas minn hames mitt lira Maltija iżda mhux iżjed minn elf lira Maltija u l-konfiska tat-*taxi-car* għal perijodu ta' mhux inqas minn sitt xhur iżda mhux iżjed minn sena u l-iskwalifika milli jkollha liċenza tas-sewqan ta' *taxi-car* għall-istess perijodu

(7) Il-konfiska tat-*taxi-car* kif provdut fis-subartikolu (6) ta' dan l-artikolu titwettaq irrispettivament jekk min jagħmel ir-reat ikunx is-sid ta' dik il-vettura bil-mutur, jew l-impjegat jew is-sostitut tiegħu.”.

Għanijiet u Raġunijiet

L-Abbozz jipprovdi sabiex *it-taxis* ikunu mgħammra b'*taxi-meters* li juru n-nol korrett li għandu jiġi għal kull vjaġġ; l-Abbozz jipprovdi wkoll pieni għal min jabbuza.

(5) Every person who makes use of a taxi-car shall ensure at the commencement of any hire that the taxi-meter of such car is in proper order for correct registering in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

(6) No person shall make use of a taxi-car if the taxi-meter of such car is not in proper order as required by this section or if such taxi-meter has its seals broken or is in any way tampered with.

(7) No person shall whilst making use of a taxi-car fail to operate the taxi-meter during any hire, or charge any amount in excess of the correct fare, or break the seals of the taxi-meter.

(8) Every person who makes use of a taxi-car shall ensure at the commencement of any hire that the taxi-meter of such car is in proper order for correct registering in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

A BILL

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AN ACT further to amend the Traffic Regulation Ordinance, Cap. 105.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Traffic Regulation (Amendment) Act, 1984, and shall be read and construed as one with the Traffic Regulation Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as "the principal law".

(2) This Act shall come into force on such date as the Minister responsible for police may appoint by notice in the Gazette.

Addition of new section 15A to the principal law.

2. Immediately after section 15 of the principal law there shall be added the following new section:

"Proper use of taxi-meter.

15A. (1) Every taxi-car shall be fitted with an appropriate taxi-meter for ascertaining the number of kilometers covered and the relative legal charges of each trip.

(2) Every taxi-meter which is fitted in a taxi-car shall be placed in a position which is easily visible to the passengers.

(3) Every person who makes use of a taxi-car shall ensure at the commencement of any hire that the taxi-meter of such car is in proper order for correct registering in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

(4) No person shall make use of a taxi-car if the taxi-meter of such car is not in proper order as required by this section or if such taxi-meter has its seals broken or is in any way tampered with.

(5) No person shall whilst making use of a taxi-car fail to operate the taxi-meter during any hire, or charge any amount in excess of the correct fare, or break the seals of the taxi-meter.

(6) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable —

(a) for a first offence to a fine (*multa*) of not less than fifty Maltese liri but not exceeding one hundred Maltese liri and to the confiscation of the taxi-car for a period of not less than one month but not exceeding three months and the disqualification from holding a taxi-car driving licence for the same period;

(b) for a second offence to a fine (*multa*) of not less than one hundred Maltese liri but not exceeding five hundred Maltese liri and to the confiscation of the taxi-car for a period of not less than three months but not exceeding six months and the disqualification from holding a taxi-car driving licence for the same period; and

(c) for a third or any subsequent offence to a fine (*multa*) of not less than five hundred Maltese liri but not exceeding one thousand Maltese liri and to the confiscation of the taxi-car for a period of not less than six months but not exceeding one year and the disqualification from holding a taxi-car driving licence for the same period.

(7) The confiscation of the taxi-car as provided in subsection (6) of this section shall take place irrespective of whether the offender is the owner, or his employee or substitute, of such motor vehicle.”.

Objects and Reasons

The Bill provides for taxi-cars to be fitted with taxi-meters that show the correct fare chargeable for every trip; it also provides for penalties for abuse.