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AN ACT

To repeal sections 67.1806 and 67.1818, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the regional taxicab commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 67.1806 and 67.1818, RSMo, are repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 67.1806, to read as follows:

67.1806. 1. The regional taxicab commission shall consist of a chairperson plus eight 2 members, four of whom shall be appointed by the chief executive of the city with approval of the board of aldermen, and four of whom shall be appointed by the chief executive of the county 3 with approval of the governing body of the county. Of the eight members first appointed, one 4 city appointee and one county appointee shall be appointed to a four-year term, two city 5 appointees and two county appointees shall be appointed to a three-year term, and one city 6 7 appointee and one county appointee shall be appointed to a one-year term. Members appointed after the expiration of these initial terms shall serve a four-year term. The chief executive officer 8 of the city and the chief executive officer of the county shall alternately appoint a chairperson 9 who shall serve a term of three years. The respective chief executive who appoints the members 10 11 of the commission shall appoint members to fill unexpired terms resulting from any vacancy of 12 a person appointed by that chief executive. All members and the chairperson must reside within 13 the district while serving as a member. All members shall serve without compensation. 14 [Nothing shall prohibit a representative of the taxicab industry from being chairperson.] No

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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15 owner, employee, shareholder, or independent contractor over whom the commission has

16 oversight, or any person who stands to benefit economically or politically, directly or

17 indirectly, shall be appointed to the commission. No member of the commission shall be

- 18 related to a representative of the transportation industry within the third degree of
- 19 consanguinity or affinity.

20 2. [In making the eight appointments set forth in subsection 1 of this section, the chief 21 executive officer of the city and the chief executive officer of the county shall collectively select 22 four representatives of the taxicab industry. Such four representatives of the taxicab industry 23 shall include at least one from each of the following:

(1) An owner or designated assignee of a taxicab company which holds at least one butno more than one hundred taxicab licenses;

26 (2) An owner or designated assignee of a taxicab company which holds at least one 27 hundred one taxicab licenses or more;

(3) A taxicab driver, excluding any employee or independent contractor of a companycurrently represented on the commission.

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31 The remaining five commission members shall be designated "at large" and shall not be a representative of the taxicab industry or be the spouse of any such person nor be an individual 32 33 who has a direct material or financial interest in such industry. If any representative of the 34 taxicab industry resigns or is otherwise unable to serve out the term for which such 35 representative was appointed, a similarly situated representative of the taxicab industry shall be appointed to complete the specified term.] An advisory committee composed of ten 36 37 representatives of the transportation industry shall be established to advise the commission 38 from time to time. Such ten representatives shall be named by the commission and shall 39 include a diverse representation from the full range of transportation modes regulated by 40 the commission, including but not limited to small and large "on call" taxicab companies, airport taxi companies, and companies using luxury transportation, courtesy vehicles, 41 rickshaws, horse-drawn carriages, paratransit vehicles, and other transportation 42 43 equipment.

[67.1818. The commission shall establish as part of the taxicab code its own internal, administrative procedure for decisions involving the granting, denying, suspending, or revoking of licenses, or the imposition of administrative penalties not to exceed two hundred dollars, and shall develop a schedule of penalties which shall be available to the public and provided to all owners and operators of taxicabs. The commission shall study and take into account rate and fee structures as well as the number of existing taxicab licenses within the district in considering new applications for such licenses. The internal procedures set

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- 9 forth in the taxicab code shall allow appeals from license-related decisions to be
- 10 conducted by independent hearing officers.]