

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Avakian, Beyer, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Clarifies that taxicab drivers that lease by the shift or who are under contract to provide services to a third party are exempt from workers' compensation insurance coverage requirements.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Recent administrative decisions
- Definition of worker

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Covers all leasing arrangements by adding the language to lease by the shift "or for a longer period."

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, taxi cab drivers are included in the list of workers who are exempt from workers' compensation insurance coverage requirements. There have been recent decisions that have stated that taxi cab drivers who lease their vehicle from a company for their shift are not among the exempt workers. SB 688-A will clarify that those drivers that lease their vehicles for their shifts, otherwise known as shift-lease drivers, are also exempt. In addition, taxi cab drivers who are hired to provide services to third-parties are also exempt under SB 688-A.