

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Smith P., Schaufler
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Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that taxi cab drivers are considered as nonsubject workers under workers' compensation insurance coverage requirements if they lease a taxicab by the shift or for a longer period or the taxicab used is under a contract to a third party for transporting designated passengers or to provide errand service.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Petition from hundreds of taxi cab drivers who want to be exempted from the workers' compensation insurance coverage requirement
- Whether a taxi cab driver is considered as an independent contractor under current statute
- How the measure brings statute up-to-date with current working relationships
- Types of insurance a taxi cab driver is still required to carry

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies the criteria for a taxi cab driver or a non-emergency medical transportation driver to be exempt from workers' compensation insurance coverage requirements.

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-B 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, such as for non-emergency medical transportation, are also exempt under SB 688-B.