## **Regulations and other Acts**

### **M.O.,** 2015

# Order 2015-13 of the Minister of Transport dated 9 November 2015

An Act respecting transportation services by taxi (chapter S-6.01)

Pilot project to promote taxi transportation services requested using a mobile application

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 89.1 of the Act respecting transportation services by taxi (chapter S-6.01) under which the Minister of Transport may, by order,

- (1) authorize pilot projects designed to experiment or innovate in the area of taxi transportation services or to study, improve or define standards applicable to that area; and
- (2) authorize, within the scope of such pilot projects, any person or body that is a holder of a taxi owner's permit issued under the Act or a business partner of such a holder to offer taxi transportation services in compliance with standards and rules prescribed by the Minister that differ from those set out in the Act and the regulations, for the purpose of increasing the safety of users, improving the quality of the services offered or fostering the development of the taxi transportation services industry, all in compliance with the applicable privacy protection rules;

CONSIDERING the second paragraph of that section which provides that

- (1) such pilot projects are to be conducted for a period of up to two years, which the Minister may extend by up to one year; and
- (2) the Minister may determine the provisions of a pilot project whose violation constitutes an offence and determine the minimum and maximum amounts for which the offender is liable, which may not be less than \$200 or more than \$3,000;

CONSIDERING the third paragraph of that section which provides that the Minister must inform the Taxi Industry Advisory Panel 45 days before the implementation of a pilot project, and that the Minister informed the Panel of the implementation of the pilot project on 7 October 2015;

CONSIDERING the fourth paragraph of that section which provides that an order made under that section is not subject to the publication requirement set out in section 8 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1);

CONSIDERING the taxi industry's interest in modernizing its taxi transportation service capability, in particular through the use of technological platforms integrating a mobile application, with a view to fostering the development of the taxi industry and meeting the needs of the users of taxi transportation services;

CONSIDERING THAT it is expedient to authorize implementation of the pilot project to promote taxi transportation services requested using a mobile application;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

### **DIVISION I**

**GENERAL** 

- 1. The Pilot Project to promote taxi transportation services requested using a mobile application ("Pilot Project") is hereby authorized
- (1) to experiment and innovate in the area of taxi transportation services through authorization of a promotion on the fare for taxi travel requested using a mobile application; and
- (2) to collect information on the results obtained from the promotions offered.
- 2. For the purposes of the Pilot Project, "promotion" means the discount granted to a user of taxi transportation services for a trip requested using a mobile application. The reduction in the taxi fare may be in the form of a percentage or a set amount. The reduction may also be a pre-determined flat-rate amount for a trip between the pick-up point and the trip destination.

#### **DIVISION II**

PROMOTION OF TAXI TRANSPORATION SERVICES

**3.** The rates fixed by the Commission des transports du Québec apply to all trips by taxi requested using a mobile application.

- **4.** Despite section 62 of the Act respecting transportation services by taxi (chapter S-6.01), the promotions are authorized in all areas of Québec comprising taxi areas.
- **5.** A promotion on the fare for taxi travel requested using a mobile application may be offered by
  - (1) a holder of a taxi owner's permit; and
- (2) a holder of a taxi transportation service intermediary's permit.

## **DIVISION III**PROMOTION RULES

- **6.** The terms under which users of taxi transportation services may avail themselves of a promotion on the fare for taxi travel requested using a mobile application must be publicized by the holder making the offer.
- **7.** A holder of a taxi driver's permit making a trip to which a promotion offered by a holder referred to in section 5 applies is required to honour the promotion.
- **8.** At the end of trip by taxi requested using a mobile application for which a promotion applies, the vehicle's taximeter must display the regular fare for the trip, before any reduction.

The regular fare for the trip and the amount of the promotion must appear on the receipt given by the taxi driver or on the mobile application used for the trip. The information must be retained for a period of not less than 6 months.

**9.** A promotion cannot be of an amount greater than the regular fare displayed on the taximeter at the end of the trip.

#### DIVISION IV OFFENCES

\$500 to \$1,000.

- **10.** A holder of a taxi driver's permit who contravenes section 7 commits an offence and is liable to a fine of
- 11. A holder of a taxi driver's permit who fails to issue a receipt or retain the information as required by section 8 commits an offence and is liable to a fine of \$300 to \$700.

#### DIVISION V

#### COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

12. The Minister of Transport is responsible for collecting information on the promotion of taxi transportation services requested using a mobile application in connection with the Pilot Project.

#### **DIVISION VI**

MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL

- 13. The Pilot Project does not apply to the special rates determined by the Commission des transports du Québec for transportation to and from the Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau International Airport in Montréal and the Jean-Lesage International Airport in Québec.
- **14.** The Pilot Project comes into force on 26 November 2015, except sections 10 and 11, which come into force on 26 December 2015. The Pilot Project terminates on 26 November 2017.

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### **M.O.,** 2015

# Order 2015-14 of the Minister of Transport dated 9 November 2015

An Act respecting transportation services by taxi (chapter S-6.01)

Pilot project to promote taxi transportation services using electric taxis

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 89.1 of the Act respecting transportation services by taxi (chapter S-6.01) under which the Minister of Transport may, by order,

- (1) authorize pilot projects designed to experiment or innovate in the area of taxi transportation services or to study, improve or define standards applicable to that area; and
- (2) authorize, within the scope of such pilot projects, any person or body that is a holder of a taxi owner's permit or a business partner of such a holder to offer taxi transportation services in compliance with standards and rules prescribed by the Minister that differ from those set out in the Act and the regulations, for the purpose of increasing the safety of users, improving the quality of the services offered or fostering the development of the taxi transportation services industry, all in compliance with the applicable privacy protection rules;

CONSIDERING the second paragraph of that section which provides that