

**Sec. 13b-96-41. General construction and equipment requirements for vehicles in taxicab service**

(a) All motor vehicles operated in taxicab service shall be of standard manufacture or, if modified in any way, meet all specifications for operation on Connecticut highways, in accordance with section 13b-99(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) No certificate holder or taxicab driver shall permit the operation of a taxicab unless it is equipped with the following:

- (1) A light within the passenger compartment;
  - (2) A communication system capable of contacting each of its taxicabs in service;
  - (3) Passenger restraints in operable condition numbering no fewer than the maximum occupancy of the taxicab;
  - (4) A suitable holder for the driver identification card in a place where such card will be visible to the passengers at all times;
  - (5) All vehicles in taxicab service shall have an operable heating and air conditioning system;
  - (6) In van type vehicles and station wagons, a luggage barrier for containing luggage while the vehicle is in transit;
  - (7) A fire extinguisher of a type and size approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Said equipment shall be secured in an accessible location within the taxicab and maintained in serviceable condition;
  - (8) Upon request of any driver, an approved driver shield between the front and rear passenger compartments of the taxicab in those taxicabs authorized to serve any town listed in the certificate, with a population of 100,000 or more as listed in the most current Connecticut State Register and Manual; and
  - (9) an official mileage guide.
- (c) No certificate holder shall permit the operation of any taxicab which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person or property.
- (d) No motor vehicle registered as a taxicab shall be used for any purpose other than as a taxicab, except taxicabs, which are used as private passenger motor vehicles in accordance with section 14-28 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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