

Road Traffic (Amendment) (Ride-hailing Service) Bill 2025

Debate and voting arrangements

- Object of the Bill :** To amend the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) (“Ordinance”) and make related amendments to other enactments to:
- (a) provide for the **regulation of ride-hailing service**;
 - (b) introduce a **licensing regime** for ride-hailing **platforms**, ride-hailing **vehicles** and **drivers** of such vehicles;
 - (c) provide for the **regulation** of any other public vehicle passenger transport service **booked** through licensed ride-hailing **platforms**;
 - (d) enhance the **enforcement regime** against **illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward**; and
 - (e) provide for related matters.

Joint debate : Clauses with no amendments, and a clause with amendments and new clauses proposed by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics (“STL”)	— Clauses 1 to 17, and proposed new clauses 8A, 10A to 10E and 11A
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Joint debate on the original clauses and the amendments (including the proposed new clauses).

STL’s amendments

The Commissioner for Transport (“Commissioner”) could cancel a ride-hailing service licence, a ride-hailing vehicle driving permit (“driving permit”), etc.

Clause 8

- To amend section 55P(1)(a) and (b) of the proposed new Part 6A of the Ordinance to **allow the Commissioner greater flexibility to impose appropriate penalties on the ride-hailing service licensee, depending on the specific circumstances of non-compliance.**
- To delete section 55Z(1)(b) and (c) of the proposed new Part 6A of the Ordinance and add a proposed new section 55ZAA to the Ordinance to stipulate that **if a person’s full driving licence to drive a private car or light goods vehicle is cancelled, or he/she is disqualified from driving a taxi for a period, then his/her driving permit would also be cancelled or suspended (as the case may be), without having to give notice and reasons for the decision and wait 21 days for the cancellation/suspension to take effect.**

Vehicle impoundment and temporary suspension of related vehicle licences

Proposed new clauses 8A, 10A to 10E and 11A

- To add a proposed new Part 9C to the Ordinance and make technical amendments to the relevant provisions to the effect that when the **vehicle concerned has been involved in the offence of illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward**, even if the **driver could not be identified** for various reasons and therefore could not be prosecuted for contravention of section 52(3)(a) of the Ordinance,¹ the **vehicle licence could still be temporarily suspended** and the **vehicle delivered to the Commissioner for custody for a period of six months**, according to the proposed new statutory procedures under the proposed new Part 9C. This would help combat illegal carriage of passengers for hire or reward, thereby protecting passengers and point-to-point service providers who operate with compliance.

Voting order :

1. Clauses with no amendments (i.e. clauses 1 to 7 and 9 to 17) standing part of the Bill
2. STL's amendments (to amend clause 8)
3. Clause 8 with or without amendments standing part of the Bill
4. Proposed new clauses 8A, 10A to 10E and 11A be read the second time and added to the Bill

STL's amendments

(set out in LC Paper No. CB(2)1875/2025(01) issued on 8 October 2025)

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¹ Section 52(3)(a) of the Ordinance provides that no person shall drive or use a motor vehicle for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward, unless the vehicle complies with the conditions specified in section 52(3)(i) to (iii) of the Ordinance, which includes the requirement that a hire car permit is in force in respect of the vehicle.