## TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURES DIVISION 3: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

## § 3114. Operating a Vehicle for Rent or Hire Without a Taxicab Driver's License or Taxicab Registration Card. [Repealed]

**Source:** PL 14-72 § 2 (3112), modified; repealed by PL 15-64, § 2(b).

**Commission Comment:** Because the specified section number in PL 14-72 was already assigned, the Commission assigned a different section number pursuant to its authority by 1 CMC § 3806(a). Furthermore, 9 CMC §§ 2301 and 2303, respectively, already requires an individual to have a valid taxicab driver's license in order to operate a taxicab and sets forth a penalty for violation which differs from the above 6 CMC § 3114. PL 14-72 was enacted on June 16, 2005 and contained the following findings and purpose, in addition to severability, and savings clause provisions:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that persons operate vehicles on the highways for hire or rent without obtaining a taxicab driver's license or registering the vehicle as a taxicab. As such, the Legislature finds that there exists within the Commonwealth an illegal underground taxicab industry, which has lead to the infestation of many unauthorized taxicabs on the highways. This situation has created an unsafe and unregulated ground transportation business on the islands and caused a loss of revenue for the Commonwealth due to the failure of these persons to obtain a taxicab business license and a taxicab driver's license. The purpose of this legislation is to prohibit and criminalize such illegal and unauthorized taxicab activity within the Commonwealth.

PL 15-64 was enacted on May 30, 2007, and contained the following findings and purpose in addition to other enactments and repealers, expenditure authority, global amendment, clarifications, severability, and savings clause provisions:

Section 1. <u>Findings and Purpose</u>. The Commonwealth Legislature finds that with the enactment of various bills into public law, certain minor errors and inconsistencies have prevented the efficient codification of a number of laws. It is the intent of this Act to repeal, amend, or add necessary language to the Commonwealth Code in order to more accurately reflect the intent and purpose of laws enacted by the Commonwealth Legislature.