

Secretary's designee, that a pending charge for a crime which has not been finally adjudicated shall be conclusive evidence of the pending charge.

(vi) Failure of the applicant or a licensee to appear at the scheduled hearing shall be considered grounds for dismissal of the contest.

(6) (I) ~~INSTEAD OF~~ IN ADDITION TO A STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, AND SUBJECT TO ARTICLE 27, §§ 742 THROUGH 755 OF THE CODE, THE COMMISSION MAY REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO OBTAIN A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

(II) AN APPLICANT WHO IS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION TO OBTAIN A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL:

1. APPLY TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES FOR A NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK;

2. SUBMIT TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY ONE COMPLETE SET OF THE APPLICANT'S LEGIBLE FINGERPRINTS TAKEN ON FORMS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION; AND

3. SUBMIT TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY THE MANDATORY PROCESSING FEE REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK.

(7) The Commission may use a private agency to provide a background check on an applicant or licensee under this section, as determined by the Commission.

(c) (1) After the initial printed statement has been received from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository, the Commission shall issue a passenger-for-hire driver's license or a taxicab driver's license, as appropriate, to each applicant that meets the requirements of this title.

(2) The passenger-for-hire driver's license and the taxicab driver's license shall be in the form that the Commission provides.

(D) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.

(2) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2002, AN INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A TAXICAB LICENSE OR RENEWAL OF A TAXICAB LICENSE, SHALL SUBMIT PROOF OF HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A COURSE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION THAT INCLUDES IN THE CURRICULUM:

(I) COURTEOUS TREATMENT OF PASSENGERS;