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S&T Proposes Taximeter Security Vote

The S&T Committee proposes a voting Item 354-2 modifying Taximeter Code paragraph S.5. Provisions for Security to permit several means of security when taximeters are removable from the vehicle. The “slide-mount” installation allows easy removal of taximeters for safe overnight storage; however, this configuration conflicts with the integrity of the measurement process. The current proposal in Publication 16 modifies S.5. to recognize security seals and electronic links or other approved means of security such as audit trails.

Although Handbook 44 recognizes audit trails in G-S.8. Provisions for Sealing Electronic Adjustable Components and in other code sections, no specific audit trail requirements exist in the Taximeter Code. NEWMA believes that because of taximeter complexities, any language to address audit trails in the Taximeter Code should be fully developed. The Committee acknowledged the complexities of Taximeters and the importance of adequately addressing new technology. Therefore, the Committee plans to separate Item 354-2 into two parts. Part A contains the original NEWMA proposal, and Part B includes provisions for audit trails to facilitate review of the issues.