AN ACT

Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in taxicabs and limousines in first class cities, further providing for definitions and for certificate of public convenience required.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 5701 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

§ 5701. Definitions.
The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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"Limousine." A motor vehicle designed for carrying no more than nine passengers, exclusive of the driver, and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.

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Section 2. Section 5741 of Title 53 is amended by adding a subsection to read:
§ 5741. Certificate of public convenience required.

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(g) Exemption from limousine regulations.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following shall apply:

(1) Each limousine operator who, on December 31, 2018, is in possession of a valid certificate of public convenience issued by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission shall be exempt from rules, regulations, assessments or fees imposed by the authority.

(2) A limousine company that operates solely under the jurisdiction of the authority may continue to conduct point-to-point service within a city of the first class only and may not operate outside of a city of the first class without first obtaining a valid certificate of public convenience from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

(3) The authority may continue to enforce the rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission pertaining to limousines under 52 Pa. Code, Subpt. B (relating to carriers of passengers or property).

(4) The authority shall be limited to issuing certificates of public convenience to taxicabs and limousines as authorized under this chapter and may not issue a certificate of public convenience to any type of motor vehicle carrier that cannot obtain an equivalent class of certificate from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.