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AND PASHINSKI, APRIL 20, 2010

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, APRIL 20, 2010

AN ACT

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

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

7 Section 1. Section 5701 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:

9 § 5701. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "Bus."

15 (1) Either of the following:

16 (i) a motor vehicle designed to transport 16 or more
17 passengers, including the driver; or

18 (ii) a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab or

1 limousine, designed to transport not more than 15
2 passengers, including the driver, and used for the
3 transportation of persons for compensation.

4 (2) The term does not include a vehicle used in a
5 ridesharing arrangement, as defined in the act of December
6 14, 1982 (P.L.1211, No.279), entitled "An act providing for
7 ridesharing arrangements and providing that certain laws
8 shall be inapplicable to ridesharing arrangements," or a
9 school bus.

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

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15 Section 2. Section 5741 of Title 53 is amended by adding a
16 subsection to read:

17 § 5741. Certificate of public convenience required.

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19 (g) Exemption from limousine regulations.--

20 (1) All limousine operators who, on July 1, 2009, are in
21 possession of a valid certificate of public convenience
22 issued by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission shall be
23 exempt from any rules, regulations or fees imposed by the
24 authority.

25 (2) All buses shall be exempt from any rules,
26 regulations or fees imposed by the authority.

27 (3) Any limousine company that operates solely under the
28 jurisdiction of the authority may continue to conduct
29 point-to-point service within a city of the first class only
30 and may not operate outside of a city of the first class

1 without first obtaining a valid certificate of public
2 convenience from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

3 (4) The authority may continue to enforce the rules and
4 regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
5 pertaining to limousines as set forth in 52 Pa. Code Pt. I
6 Subpt.B (relating to carriers of passengers or property).

7 (5) The authority shall be limited to issuing
8 certificates of public convenience to taxicabs and limousines
9 as authorized in this chapter and shall not issue a
10 certificate of public convenience to any type of motor
11 vehicle carrier that cannot obtain an equivalent class of
12 certificate from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.