

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1458

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Synopsis As Enacted

Brief Description: Ending dual registration requirements for limousine charter party carriers.

By Representatives Ludwig, Heavey, Lisk and Franklin; by request of Department of Licensing.

House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background: Prior to 1989, (1) limousines with a seating capacity of seven or more were regulated as charter buses by the Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC), and (2) limousines with a seating capacity of less than seven were considered taxi cabs and were required to obtain a for-hire passenger permit from the Department of Licensing (DOL). As taxi cabs, DOL also required the filing of a surety bond or proof of liability insurance.

In 1989, limousine services were placed under the regulatory authority of the UTC. Limousines are subject to the UTC's entry standard (Fit, Willing & Able), chauffeur qualifications, safety and insurance provisions, and payment of the annual regulatory fee.

Limousines with a seating capacity of less than seven are still required to register and comply with the bonding requirements of DOL.

Summary: For-hire limousine services are exempt from the taxicab permit and insurance requirements of the Department of Licensing.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	98	0
Senate	44	0

Effective: July 28, 1991