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1 AN ACT Relating to commuter ride-sharing arrangements; and
2 reenacting and amending RCW 48.177.005.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.177.005 and 2015 c 236 s 1 are each reenacted and
5 amended to read as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1) "Commercial transportation services" or "services" means all
9 times the driver is logged in to a commercial transportation services
10 provider's digital network or software application or until the
11 passenger has left the personal vehicle, whichever is later. The term
12 does not include services provided either directly or under contract
13 with a political subdivision or other entity exempt from federal
14 income tax under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 115 of the federal internal revenue
15 code.

16 (2) "Commercial transportation services provider" means a
17 corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity,
18 operating in Washington, that uses a digital network or software
19 application to connect passengers to drivers for the purpose of
20 providing a prearranged ride. However, a commercial transportation
21 services provider is not a taxicab company under chapter 81.72 RCW, a

1 charter party or excursion service carrier under chapter 81.70 RCW,
2 an auto transportation company under chapter 81.68 RCW, a private,
3 nonprofit transportation provider under chapter 81.66 RCW, ~~((or))~~ a
4 limousine carrier under chapter 46.72A RCW, or a commuter ride-
5 sharing or flexible commuter ride-sharing arrangement under chapter
6 46.74 RCW. A commercial transportation services provider is not
7 deemed to own, control, operate, or manage the personal vehicles used
8 by commercial transportation services providers. A commercial
9 transportation services provider does not include a political
10 subdivision or other entity exempt from federal income tax under 26
11 U.S.C. Sec. 115 of the federal internal revenue code.

12 (3) "Commercial transportation services provider driver" or
13 "driver" means an individual who uses a personal vehicle to provide
14 services for passengers matched through a commercial transportation
15 services provider's digital network or software application.

16 (4) "Commercial transportation services provider passenger" or
17 "passenger" means a passenger in a personal vehicle for whom
18 transport is provided, including:

19 (a) An individual who uses a commercial transportation services
20 provider's digital network or software application to connect with a
21 driver to obtain services in the driver's vehicle for the individual
22 and anyone in the individual's party; or

23 (b) Anyone for whom another individual uses a commercial
24 transportation services provider's digital network or software
25 application to connect with a driver to obtain services in the
26 driver's vehicle.

27 (5) "Personal vehicle" means a vehicle that is used by a
28 commercial transportation services provider driver in connection with
29 providing services for a commercial transportation services provider
30 and that is authorized by the commercial transportation services
31 provider.

32 (6) "Prearranged ride" means a route of travel between points
33 chosen by the passenger and arranged with a driver through the use of
34 a commercial transportation services provider's digital network or
35 software application. The ride begins when a driver accepts a
36 requested ride through a digital network or software application,
37 continues while the driver transports the passenger in a personal

1 vehicle, and ends when the passenger departs from the personal
2 vehicle.

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