
SENATE BILL 6602

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By Senators Hobbs and Palumbo

1 AN ACT Relating to taxicab transportation regulation; amending
2 RCW 81.72.220; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds and declares
5 that changes in communications technology and practice within the
6 commercial transportation services industry, together with a lack of
7 uniformity in local regulation, have served to impede passenger
8 service, and have made it difficult for existing industry
9 participants such as taxicabs to respond and compete on a level
10 playing field with new transportation industry entrants.

11 (2) Therefore, the uniform regulation of privately operated
12 commercial transportation services is thus an essential governmental
13 function, and it is the intent of the legislature to require cities,
14 towns, counties, and port districts to jointly and uniformly
15 regulate certain commercial transportation network services, as
16 provided in this act.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 81.72.220 and 1984 c 126 s 3 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (1) A city, town, county, or port district may enter into
20 cooperative agreements with any other city, town, county, or port

1 district for the joint regulation of taxicabs. Cooperative agreements
2 may provide for, but are not limited to, the granting, revocation,
3 and suspension of joint taxicab licenses.

4 (2) A county and a city that have entered into a cooperative
5 agreement for the joint regulation of taxicabs under this section, or
6 for the joint regulation of for hire vehicles under RCW 46.72.170, on
7 or before the effective date of this section, must:

8 (a) Provide for taxicab license reciprocity, by allowing the
9 driver of a taxicab who is licensed or who otherwise possesses a
10 permit to operate from within either the city or the county, to
11 transport passengers for hire from within either jurisdiction without
12 holding or obtaining any additional licensing or permit from either
13 jurisdiction;

14 (b) Subject the vehicle and driver of the vehicle to the rules
15 and regulations of the jurisdiction in which it is operating, at the
16 time it is operating. The issuance and renewal of a license or permit
17 shall be conditioned upon taxicab vehicle owner and driver compliance
18 with this section;

19 (c) Relicense as a taxicab, any for hire vehicle that it
20 regulates under chapter 46.72 RCW and that performs substantially the
21 same transportation service for the public as a taxicab, without
22 regard to the vehicle or vehicle driver's method of measuring and
23 assessing passenger fares or rates;

24 (d) Charge the owner of a for hire vehicle a nominal relicensing
25 fee not to exceed one hundred dollars to pay for the administrative
26 costs of (c) of this subsection.

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