

TAXIS, CHARTERS & “TRANSPORTATION NETWORK CARRIERS”

LEGISLATOR NOTICE

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Background Materials and Research

Topic Summary: The Public Service Commission (PSC) regulates certain types of commercial passenger transportation via motor vehicles. Legislators have introduced and passed bills regarding this subject in recent sessions.

In 2015, the Legislature passed a bill allowing for ride sharing companies to operate in Montana. In legislation, such companies are called “transportation network carriers.” Uber and Lyft are two such companies operating in the state. The PSC does not regulate the rates charged by transportation network carriers. The PSC does regulate the rates charged by taxi companies.

In prior sessions, the Legislature addressed charter services and dealt with federal preemption in part of that field.

Other Materials: Public Service Commission: [How the Public Service Commission Can Help You](#)

Introduced Legislation

2017

[House Bill 56](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING MOTOR CARRIER LAWS; ELIMINATING REFERENCES TO RAILROADS AND CERTAIN BUS SERVICES RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIER REGULATION; REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY; INCREASING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF MOTOR CARRIER REGULATIONS; ELIMINATING RATE, TARIFFS, AND FARE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS A AND CLASS B PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIERS; REVISING CERTAIN REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING

REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS E MOTOR CARRIERS; CLARIFYING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY; REVISING CERTAIN PROTEST REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTOR CARRIER APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING THE COMMISSION WITH ADDITIONAL RULEMAKING AUTHORITY FOR RATE DISCLOSURE; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-12-101, 69-12-102, 69-12-108, 69-12-201, 69-12-203, 69-12-205, 69-12-321, 69-12-323, 69-12-324, 69-12-403, 69-12-404, 69-12-407, 69-12-501, 69-12-502, 69-12-504, 69-12-601, AND 69-12-602, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 69-12-204, 69-12-208, 69-12-341, 69-12-408, AND 69-12-511, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2015

[House Bill 267](#) – (H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING MOTOR CARRIER LAWS; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN MOTOR CARRIERS DEMONSTRATE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE A CERTIFICATE FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; CREATING A CLASS E CLASSIFICATION FOR MOTOR CARRIERS THAT OFFER TRANSPORTATION NETWORK CARRIER SERVICES; PROVIDING OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS E MOTOR CARRIERS; PROVIDING A TRANSITION FOR MOTOR CARRIERS OPERATING WITH A CERTIFICATE; PROHIBITING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK CARRIER SERVICES; PROHIBITING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH SELF-GOVERNING POWERS FROM REGULATING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK CARRIER SERVICES; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-111, 69-12-101, 69-12-205, 69-12-210, 69-12-301, 69-12-311, 69-12-312, 69-12-313, 69-12-314, 69-12-321, 69-12-323, 69-12-324, 69-12-404, 69-12-406, 69-12-407, 69-12-415, AND 69-12-501, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 69-12-328, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Senate Bill 381](#) – (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal -- AN ACT PROVIDING INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES; AND PROVIDING DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.

[Senate Bill 396](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING MOTOR CARRIER LAWS; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN MOTOR CARRIERS DEMONSTRATE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE A CERTIFICATE FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; CREATING A CLASS E CLASSIFICATION FOR MOTOR CARRIERS THAT OFFER TRANSPORTATION NETWORK CARRIER SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR A FEE; PROVIDING OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS E MOTOR CARRIERS; PROVIDING A TRANSITION FOR MOTOR CARRIERS OPERATING WITH A CERTIFICATE; PROVIDING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF TRANSPORTATION NETWORK CARRIERS; REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK CARRIERS TO PROVIDE DISCLOSURES; PROVIDING INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS; PROHIBITING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK CARRIER SERVICES; PROHIBITING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH SELF-GOVERNING POWERS FROM REGULATING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK CARRIER SERVICES; CLARIFYING EXEMPTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-111, 69-12-101, 69-12-102, 69-12-205, 69-12-210, 69-12-301, 69-12-311, 69-12-312, 69-12-313, 69-12-314, 69-12-321, 69-12-323, 69-12-324, 69-12-404, 69-12-406, 69-12-407, 69-12-415, AND 69-12-501, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 69-12-328, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2013

[House Bill 55](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT UPDATING MOTOR CARRIER LAWS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL PREEMPTION OF STATE REGULATION OF MOTOR CARRIERS TRANSPORTING CERTAIN PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-12-311, 69-12-312, 69-12-407, AND 69-12-408, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 69-12-331 AND 69-12-612, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

[House Bill 525](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING MOTOR CARRIER LAWS; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CLASS A, CLASS B, AND CLASS C MOTOR CARRIERS MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO ACQUIRE A CERTIFICATE FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; PROVIDING A TRANSITION FOR MOTOR CARRIERS OPERATING WITH A CERTIFICATE; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-12-101, 69-12-205, 69-12-210, 69-12-311, 69-12-312, 69-12-313, 69-12-314, 69-12-321, 69-12-323, 69-12-324, 69-12-328, 69-12-404, AND 69-12-415, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill 632](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING MOTOR CARRIER LAWS; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CLASS A, CLASS B, AND CLASS C MOTOR CARRIERS MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO ACQUIRE A CERTIFICATE FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; PROVIDING A TRANSITION FOR MOTOR CARRIERS OPERATING WITH A CERTIFICATE; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-1-114, 69-12-101, 69-12-205, 69-12-210, 69-12-311, 69-12-312, 69-12-313, 69-12-314, 69-12-321, 69-12-323, 69-12-324, 69-12-328, 69-12-404, 69-12-415, AND 69-12-421, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2011

[Senate Bill 140](#) – Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN MOTOR CARRIERS FROM REGULATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; DEFINING "CHARTER SERVICE"; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-12-101 AND 69-12-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

[Senate Bill 192](#) – (H) Died in Standing Committee -- A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO MOTOR CARRIER CLASSES; CREATING A CLASS F MOTOR CARRIER; REQUIRING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REISSUE CLASS B AND ISSUE CLASS F MOTOR CARRIER CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY; DEFINING "CHARTER SERVICE"; MODIFYING THE ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-12-101, 69-12-205, 69-12-301, 69-12-321, 69-12-322, 69-12-406, 69-12-407, AND 69-12-611, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.