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TITLE:

CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF LEASE RATES OF MOTOR VEHICLES THAT ARE REGULATED PURSUANT TO THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE AS A TAXICAB, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures Cash Funds - Public Utilities Commission Motor Carrier Fund	\$4,878	\$0
FTE Position Change	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
Effective Date: The bill was signed by the Governor and became	e law on May 24, 20	007.
Appropriation Summary for FY 2007-2008: See State Appropriation	riations section.	
Local Government Impact: None		

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to regulate the lease rate charged to taxi drivers by taxicab companies. It also makes such lease rates subject to certain public notice requirements.

State Expenditures

State expenditures are expected to increase \$4,878 in FY 2007-08. Although the bill is permissive in nature and does not specifically require any change in workload, the PUC is expected to implement the bill by conducting a limited audit of certain taxicab companies as a first step in regulating the lease rates charged to taxi drivers by taxicab companies. This effort is expected to require 100 hours of staff time at a one-time cost of \$4,878 in FY 2007-08. Costs would be paid from the Public Utilities Commission Motor Carrier Fund, which consists of fees paid by motor carriers. After some initial data is collected and analyzed, the PUC may choose to establish rules regulating lease rates, although the promulgation of rules will not require additional resources. Any taxicab companies not subject to the initial audit will be reviewed as they come before the PUC in the future for other issues.

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State Appropriations

This fiscal note implies that the Department of Regulatory Agencies - Public Utilities Commission would require an appropriation of \$4,878 from the Public Utilities Commission Motor Carrier Fund for FY 2007-08. This appropriation is already contained in the bill.

Departments Contacted

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