


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
REVISED FISCAL IMPACT
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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Green
 Sen. Hagedorn

Date: February 21, 2007
Bill Status: House Appropriations
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S DUTY TO PROMULGATE RULES REGULATING CARRIERS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION AS A PUBLIC UTILITY.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09
State Revenue		
Cash Funds		
Motor Carrier Enforcement Fund	\$110,000	\$110,000
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds		
Motor Carrier Enforcement Fund	\$16,681	\$5,661
FTE Position Change	0.1 FTE	0.1 FTE
Effective Date: July 1, 2007.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2007-08: See the State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

As introduced, the bill removed current statutory provisions regulating limousine services, and it authorized the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to establish by rule the operational and insurance requirements for such services. As introduced, the bill was assessed as having no fiscal impact on state or local revenues or expenditures.

As amended by the House Transportation Committee (February 13, 2007), the bill does the following:

- imposes a luxury limousine registration fee of \$5,000, with the revenue deposited in the newly-created Motor Carrier Enforcement Fund;
- requires the PUC to randomly check at least monthly no fewer than 3 luxury limousines at curbside waiting areas in order to verify compliance with manifest and charter order requirements;
- requires that drivers of luxury limousines obtain a medical examiner's certificate required for operators of commercial vehicles under federal motor carrier rules;

- authorizes the PUC to suspend a luxury limousine's registration for statutory and rule violations;
- changes from 100 feet to 200 feet the distance that luxury limousines must maintain from taxi cab stands;
- requires that the PUC be provided specific information in instances where a limousine's wheelbase has been altered from the original factory configuration;
- authorizes the PUC to establish seating requirements for stretched limousines, but prohibits the commission for doing so for luxury limousines; and
- changes the definition of "executive van" from a 7-person vehicle to a 4-person vehicle.

The Motor Carrier Enforcement Fund is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and is for the enforcement of laws and regulations governing commercial motor carriers (Title 40, Article 10) and charters, limousines and the like (Title 40, Article 16).

State Revenue

The bill, as amended, institutes a new luxury limousine registration fee of \$5,000. For FY 2007-08 and 2008-09, state revenues will increase \$110,000 each year. During FY 2005-06, there were 90 requests to register as luxury limousine services. Assuming that the new registration fee will decrease the number of such requests and cause others to consolidate their registration requests, this analysis assumes that there will be 22 registration applications.

State Expenditures

For FY 2007-08, state expenditures by the Department of Regulatory Agencies will increase \$16,681, and 0.1 FTE; for FY 2008-09, expenditures will increase \$5,661. These costs are for information systems programming to monitor registration reinstatements and for administrative hearings related to registration suspensions.

State Appropriations

For FY 2007-08, the Department of Regulatory Agencies will require a cash fund appropriation from the Motor Carrier Enforcement Fund of \$16,681, and 0.1 FTE.

Departments Contacted

Regulatory Agencies