

**PUBLIC ACTS, 1999**

**CHAPTER NO. 262**

**SENATE BILL NO. 493**

**By Haynes**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 983

By Sherry Jones, Odom, Langster, Garrett, Robinson, Harwell

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, relative to the regulation of vehicles by local governments under the Tennessee Passenger Transportation Services Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 10, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. (a) In addition to exercising all the authority granted by all other provisions of this part, every governmental entity in any county having a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, is empowered to regulate entry into the business of providing passenger transportation service, including but not limited to, limousine, sedan, shuttle and taxicab service.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Limousine" means any motor vehicle except a taxicab or sedan designed or constructed to accommodate and transport passengers for hire, with an extended wheel base and expanded seating capacity designed for the transport of persons. The vehicle will have additional rear seating capacity, area, and comforts; and shall be designed to transport not more than fourteen (14) in number, exclusive of the chauffeur/driver and the principal operation of which is confined to the area within the corporate limits of cities and suburban territory adjacent thereto.

(2) "Sedan" means any motor vehicle except a limousine or taxicab designed or constructed to accommodate and transport passengers for hire which does not have an extended wheel base or an expanded seating capacity designed for the transport of persons. The vehicle will have no additional rear seating capacity, area or comforts; shall be designed to transport not more than five (5) passengers, exclusive of the chauffeur/driver and the principal operation of which is confined to the area within the corporate limits of cities and suburban territory adjacent thereto, and not operated on a fixed route or schedule.

(3) "Shuttle" means any motor vehicle designed or constructed to accommodate and transport passengers for hire, not more than fifteen (15) in number, exclusive of the driver and the principal operation of which is confined to the area within the corporate limits of cities and suburban territory adjacent thereto, and operated on a fixed route or schedule.

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(4) "Taxicab" means any motor vehicle except a limousine or sedan designed or constructed to accommodate and transport passengers for hire, not more than nine (9) in number, exclusive of the driver and the principal operation of which is confined to the area within the corporate limits of cities and suburban territory adjacent thereto, and not operated on a fixed route or schedule.

(c) In any county to which this section applies, limousines, sedans, shuttles and taxicabs, as defined in this section, shall comply with the safety rules and regulations and the liability insurance requirements contained in Title 65, Chapter 15.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1005(a), is amended by deleting the word "This", and by substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subsection (c) of the new section added by this act, this".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1005(b), is amended by deleting the word "Nothing", and by substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subsection (c) of the new section added by this act, nothing".

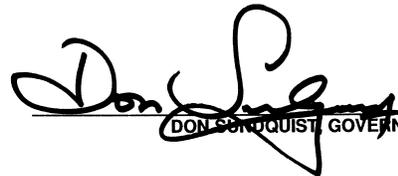
SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 17, 1999**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 26th day of May 1999**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR