

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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As Engrossed: S3/25/03 H4/16/03

A Bill

SENATE BILL 805

5 By: Senator Steele
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROMOTE UNIFORMITY IN THE REGULATION OF
10 GROUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN COUNTIES HAVING
11 A POPULATION OF AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY
12 THOUSAND (250,000) PERSONS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 (250,000) PERSONS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. (a) The purpose of this section is to promote uniformity
26 in the regulation of ground transportation services in counties having a
27 population of at least two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) persons.

28 (b) The following definitions shall apply to any municipal ordinance
29 regulating ground transportation services in a county having a population of
30 at least two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) persons, according to the most
31 recent decennial census:

32 (1) "Scheduled medical transport vehicle" means any motor
33 vehicle:

34 (A) Operated exclusively by its owner, or employee of the
35 owner, as an upright passenger carrier "for-hire" over the public streets of
36 the city other than a public transit bus, taxicab, luxury limousine,



1 paratransit vehicle, courtesy vehicle, airport shuttle, or airport transit
2 service;

3 (B) Designed for seven (7) passengers or more, including
4 the driver; and

5 (C) Clearly marked with the company name, address,
6 telephone number, and type of service provided;

7 (D) In the business of providing for-hire passenger
8 transportation service to special client groups, primarily the elderly and
9 disables, between places of residence and medical providers; and

10 (E) Which provide these services through a reservation
11 service, subscription service, or contract arrangement that is fair, just,
12 and reasonable, and is:

13 (i) Based on mileage; or

14 (ii) Based on a per passenger flat rate; and

15 (F) Any contract rate is for a term of not less than
16 ninety (90) day; and

17 (2) "Special paratransit service vehicle" shall mean any motor
18 vehicle:

19 (A) Operated exclusively by its owner, or employee of the
20 owner, as an upright passenger carrier "for-hire" over the public streets of
21 the city other than a public transit bus, taxicab, luxury limousine, special
22 medical transport vehicle, courtesy vehicle, airport shuttle, or airport
23 transit service; and

24 (B) Designed for seven (7) passengers or more, including
25 the driver; and

26 (C) Clearly marked with the company name, address,
27 telephone number, and type of service provided; and

28 (D) Designed for seven (7) passengers or more, including
29 the driver, except when the vehicle has been modified to meet the
30 accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

31 (E) In the business of providing for-hire passenger
32 transportation service to special client groups, primarily the elderly and
33 disabled; and

34 (F) Which provide these services through a reservation
35 service, subscription service, or contract arrangement that is fair, just,
36 and reasonable, and is:

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(i) Based on mileage; or
(ii) Based on a per passenger flat rate; and
(G) Any such contract rate is for a term of not less than
ninety (90) days.

/s/ Steele