

CHAPTER 112—H.F.No. 1596

An act relating to transportation; expanding definition of small vehicle passenger service to include certain transportation provided in wheelchair-accessible vehicles; imposing restrictions on transfer of former metro mobility vehicles by the metropolitan council; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, sections 221.011, subdivision 49; 473.386, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 221.011, subdivision 49, is amended to read:

Subd. 49. **SMALL VEHICLE PASSENGER SERVICE.** (a) "Small vehicle passenger service" means a service provided by a person engaged in the for-hire transportation of passengers in a vehicle designed to transport seven or fewer persons, including the driver.

(b) In the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, "small vehicle passenger service" also includes for-hire transportation of persons who are certified by the metropolitan council to use special transportation service provided under section 473.386, in a vehicle designed to transport not more than 15 persons including the driver, that is equipped with a wheelchair lift and at least three wheelchair securement positions.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 473.386, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. **TRANSFER OF VEHICLES.** The metropolitan council may transfer to a special transportation service provider or a provider of taxi services the title to a vehicle formerly used to provide special transportation service under this section. If the council transfers title to a provider of taxi services, it may do so only to a provider of taxi services that is licensed by a city whose taxi licensing ordinance requires (1) criminal background checks and annual driving record checks for drivers, and (2) inspection of vehicles at least annually.

Sec. 3. APPLICATION.

Sections 1 and 2 apply in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

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Signed by the governor May 17, 2001, 10:26 a.m.

CHAPTER 113—S.F.No. 2005

An act relating to highways; designating the State Trooper Theodore "Ted" Foss Memorial Highway; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 161.14, by adding a subdivision.

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.