

CHAPTER 221

MOTOR CARRIERS

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221.091 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 3. Authority of Metropolitan Airports Commission. Notwithstanding any other law:

(a) The Metropolitan Airports Commission may regulate ground transportation to and from an airport under its jurisdiction, subject to paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e). The authority under this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, regulating the number and types of transportation services, making concession agreements, and establishing vehicle standards.

(b) The Metropolitan Airports Commission may regulate small passenger vehicles, including taxicabs, serving an airport under its jurisdiction only by ordinance. An ordinance adopted under this paragraph must at a minimum (1) define taxicabs, (2) provide for driver qualifications, insurance, and vehicle safety, and (3) provide for issuance of permits to taxicabs and other small passenger vehicles. An ordinance under this paragraph may limit the number of permits issued to taxicabs. An ordinance under this paragraph may not provide for making concession agreements relating to small passenger vehicle service, including taxicabs.

(c) If the Metropolitan Airports Commission determines that it is in the public interest to reduce the number of annual taxicab permits issued at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, the commission shall first reduce the number of permits in the following order:

(1) permits held by permit holders who have not picked up a passenger at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport within three months immediately preceding the decision to reduce permits;

(2) permits issued to permit holders who have not continuously held an annual or semiannual permit prior to and since January 1, 2005; and

(3) permits issued to corporations that have sold or transferred at least a majority of the shares of the corporation since January 1, 2005.

(d) In deciding whether it is in the public interest to reduce the number of taxicab permits, the commission shall consider, at a minimum, the following factors:

(1) the number of taxicab permits issued in relation to the number of taxicab customers at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport;

(2) the wait times for taxicab drivers; and

(3) the impact to current permit holders, including, but not limited to, permit holders who have held a permit during a permitting period prior to January 1, 2005.

(e) If the Metropolitan Airports Commission allows for taxicab permit transfers, the commission shall not prohibit permit transfers between sole proprietors, individual owner taxicab operators, or corporations, unless the commission also prohibits permit transfers from one corporation to another corporation.

History: 2005 c 123 s 1

221.171 COMPENSATION OF PERMIT CARRIER FIXED.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 2. Exemptions; household goods. (a) A person engaged in the transportation of household goods for the federal government or an agency of the federal government

or the transportation of household goods for the state government or an agency of the state government where competitive bids are required by law is exempt from subdivision 1.

(b) A person engaged in the transportation of household goods at the request of a nonprofit charitable organization that qualifies for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is exempt from subdivision 1 when the transportation is in furtherance of the organization's charitable purpose. A person engaged in the transportation of household goods for a charitable organization may conduct the transportation without restriction to the geographic area the carrier is authorized to serve under section 221.121.

History: 2005 c 12 s 1

221.173 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE.

(a) The commissioner may accept in lieu of a required document completed on paper, an electronically transmitted document authenticated by an electronic signature.

(b) The commissioner shall consult with the Office of Enterprise Technology, which shall provide advice and assistance in establishing criteria and standards for authentication of electronic signatures and establishing to a reasonable certainty the validity, security, and linkage of a specific, unaltered, electronically transmitted document, its unforged signature, and its authorized signer.

(c) The commissioner may determine the technology or system to be used, which may include a private key/public key system, an encrypted or cryptology-based system, a pen-based, on-screen signature system that captures and verifies an autograph and links it to a specific document, or other system or technology or combination of systems.

(d) To the extent consistent with this section, laws and rules pertaining to paper-based documents also pertain to electronically transmitted documents.

History: 2005 c 156 art 5 s 23