

SENATE, No. 2229

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator O'CONNOR

1 AN ACT concerning autocabs and amending R.S.48:16-13.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. R.S.48:16-13 is amended to read as follows:

7 48:16-13. As used in this article:

8 "Autocab" means and includes any automobile or motor car with  
9 a carrying capacity of not more than nine passengers, not including the  
10 driver, [used in the business of carrying passengers for hire which is  
11 held out, announced or advertised to operate or run or which is  
12 operated or run over any of the streets or public highways of this  
13 State, and which is hired by charter or for a particular contract, or by  
14 the day or hour or other fixed period, or to transport passengers to a  
15 specified place or places, or which charges a fare or price agreed upon  
16 in advance between the operator and the passenger.] which is issued  
17 special registration plates bearing the word "livery" pursuant to section  
18 12 of P.L.1979, c.224 (C.39:3-19.5) and is engaged in the business of  
19 carrying passengers for hire, which is held out, announced or  
20 advertised to operate or run or which is operated or run over any of  
21 the streets or public highways of this State and which is hired by  
22 charter or for a particular contract or by the day or hour or other fixed  
23 period, on a prearranged basis for proms, weddings, funerals, or to  
24 transport passengers to and from airports, other passenger stations or  
25 motels and hotels, and which a price is agreed upon in advance.

26 Nothing in this article contained shall be construed to include taxicabs,  
27 hotel buses or buses employed solely in transporting school children  
28 or teachers or autobuses which are subject to the jurisdiction of the  
29 Board of Public Utilities, or interstate autobuses required by Federal  
30 or State law or rules of the Board of Public Utilities to carry  
31 insurance against loss from liability imposed by law on account of  
32 bodily injury or death.

33 "Limousine or livery service" means and includes the business of  
34 carrying passengers for hire by autocabs.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 "Person" means and includes any individual, copartnership,  
2 association, corporation or joint stock company, their lessees, trustees  
3 or receivers appointed by any court whatsoever.

4 "Street" means and includes any street, avenue, park, parkway,  
5 highway, or other public place.

6 (cf: P.L.1979, c.224, s.2)

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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11 STATEMENT

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13 This bill would amend R.S.48:16-13 to revise the definition of  
14 autocab. The bill would redefine autocab as any automobile or motor  
15 car which is issued special registration plates bearing the word "livery"  
16 pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1979, c.224 (C.39:3-19.5) and is  
17 engaged in the business of carrying passengers for hire, which is held  
18 out, announced or advertised to operate or run or which is operated  
19 or run over any of the streets or public highways of this State and  
20 which is hired by charter or for a particular contract or by the day or  
21 hour or other fixed period, on a prearranged basis for proms,  
22 weddings, funerals, or to transport passengers to and from airports,  
23 other passenger stations or motels and hotels, and which a price is  
24 agreed upon in advance.

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29 Revises definition of autocab.