

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 787 Public Transportation Commission; (Hillsborough Co.)
SPONSOR(S): Henriquez
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1856

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Local Government & Veterans' Affairs</u>	<u>16 Y, 2 N</u>	<u>Morris</u>	<u>Cutchins</u>
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The bill revises the Hillsborough County Public Transportation Commission's (PTC) definition of "limousine" to meet the minimum standards for safety, age, and condition, as established by the Commission in its rules.

The bill also increases the maximum authorized capacity of passengers in a limousine from 15 to 22 people.

According to the economic impact statement, the definition change will result in an indeterminable amount of revenue increase to the PTC, not to exceed \$3,000 annually.

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FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Hillsborough County PTC is an independent special district which regulates "for-hire" vehicles such as taxicabs, limousines, handicabs, and ambulances. The PTC is funded by fees charged to regulated industries.

The bill revises the Commission's definition of "limousine" to meet the minimum standards for safety, age, and condition, as established by the Commission in its rules in s. 8.4, Rules of the PTC.

The bill also increases the maximum authorized capacity of passengers in a limousine from 15 to 22 people. According to the economic impact statement, the definition change will result in an indeterminable amount of revenue increase to the commission not expected to exceed \$3,000 annually.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 amends ss. (17), of s. 3, of Ch. 2001-299, L.O.F., to update the Hillsborough County PTC's definition of "limousine."

Section 2 provides that the bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

December 26, 2003.

WHERE?

La Gaceta Tri-Lingual Newspaper in Hillsborough County, Florida.

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached No

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

There does not appear to be constitutional issues in this bill.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not appear to effect rule making authority.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

By increasing the capacity allowed in limousines, the PTC believes that limousine providers will purchase new vehicles that will allow them to seat more passengers. Subsequently, they will be charged a fee of \$290 to be inspected and permitted.

IV. AMENDMENT/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

There are no amendments to this bill