

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLATATIONS
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

IN RE: RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING)
THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS VIA) DOCKET 13 MC 121
PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I.G.L. §§39-1-15, 39-3-33, 39-14.1-2, 39-14.1-6, 39-14.1-8 and 42-35-3, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (hereinafter “Division”) will conduct a public hearing on **April 30, 2014 at 10:00 AM** in Hearing Room A, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island, for the purpose of considering a possible amendment to Division rules titled “ Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Passengers Via Public Motor Vehicles.” These rules and regulations govern the transportation of passengers via public motor vehicles in Rhode Island.

On November 15, 2013, the Division granted a petition to re-examine the \$40.00 minimum allowable charge as stipulated in Rule D(1). This rule making is limited to determining whether the prescribed minimum charge should be retained or amended.

The rules and regulations are on file at the offices of the Division, located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. Copies of the rules with Rule D(1) highlighted may be obtained by calling the Division at (401) 780-2158, or in person at the office of the Division, or on the Division’s Web site at: <http://www.ripuc.org/utilityinfo/motorcarriers/13MC121.html>

Since Public Motor Vehicle companies, as common carriers under R.I.G.L. Title 39 Chapter 14.1, are utilities within the meaning of R.I.G.L §39-1-2(20), and therefore under R.I.G.L. § 42-35.1-3(c)(8), are not considered small businesses for the purposes of R.I.G.L. §§ 42-35-3 and, this rulemaking proceeding is exempt from the requirements of those sections regarding regulations affecting small businesses. Nevertheless, the Division does not believe that the proposed rules will have a significant adverse economic impact on any small business or on any city or town.

Interested persons wishing to offer data, views or arguments on the proposed rules and regulations may do so either orally on the day of the hearing or by submitting their comments in writing to the following address prior to the date of the hearing:

Associate Administrator for Motor Carriers
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Reference is also made generally to R.I.G.L Chapters 42-35, 39-1, and 39-14.1, and specifically to §§ 42-35-1, 42-35-2, 42-35-3, , 42-35-4, 42-35-5, 39-1-3, 39-1-15, 39-1-38, 39-14.1-2, 39-14.1-6 and 39-14.1-8.

THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE DIVISION'S OFFICE AT (401) 780-2158, SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING DATE.

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