



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Regulation of transportation network companies (TNCs)

- Allows an entity that is engaged in providing taxicab services to obtain a TNC permit and provide TNC services, so long as the entity complies with the requirements applicable to TNCs and the rules adopted by the Public Utilities Commission under the bill.
- Requires that, with regard to a TNC service request, a TNC must either:
 - Provide a photograph of the TNC driver and the license plate number of the vehicle that will provide the TNC service (House-passed version); or
 - Prominently display the name of the TNC on the vehicle that will provide the TNC service (added in Senate committee).
- Allows a TNC driver to accept cash for TNC services if authorized to do so by the TNC.
- Specifies that if a TNC driver accepts a cash payment for TNC services, the driver must notify the TNC of the payment and the amount of the payment and the rider must confirm the payment.
- Allows the operator of a public-use airport to adopt reasonable standards, regulations, procedures, and fees that are applicable to TNC services provided to any TNC rider who requests service to, from, or on the property of the public-use airport.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

Liability insurance requirements

- Specifies that the required automobile liability insurance policy must be obtained through an insurer licensed to do business in Ohio or an insurer not licensed in Ohio that meets specified criteria.
- Requires a TNC and any insurer providing (rather than "potentially providing" in the House-passed version of the bill) automobile insurance pursuant to the bill to cooperate to exchange specified relevant information to directly interested parties in a claims coverage investigation.

Whistleblowing

- Permits a TNC driver to bring an action and recover under Ohio's Whistleblower Law if a TNC has discontinued the driver's access to the TNC's digital network because the driver made a report under that Law.

Motor vehicle financial responsibility ID cards

- Exempts a motor vehicle liability insurer from the requirement that it provide financial responsibility ID cards to a policyholder if the insurer instead provides the policyholder with the ability to use an electronic wireless communications device to present proof of insurance.