

## CHAPTER 268

## S.B. No. 748

An Act relating to the regulation of taxicabs operating at certain airports; amending Subsection (c), Section 1, Chapter 270, Acts of the 40th Legislature, Regular Session, 1927, as amended, and Subdivision (6), Subsection (d), Section 14, Chapter 114, Acts of the 50th Legislature, Regular Session, 1947, as amended (Articles 911a and 46d-14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Subsection (c), Section 1, Chapter 270, Acts of the 40th Legislature, Regular Session, 1927, as amended (Article 911a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

"(c) The term 'Motor Bus Company' when used in this Act means every corporation or persons as herein defined, their lessees, trustees, receivers, or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, controlling, operating or managing any motor propelled passenger vehicle not usually operated on or over rails, and engaged in the business of transporting persons for compensation or hire over the public highways within the State of Texas, whether operating over fixed routes or fixed schedules, or otherwise. However, the term 'Motor Bus Company' as used in this Act shall not include:

"(1) corporations or persons, their lessees, trustees, or receivers, or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever, insofar as they own, control, operate, or manage motor propelled passenger vehicles operated wholly within the limits of any incorporated town or city, and the suburbs thereof, whether separately incorporated or otherwise;

"(2) corporations or persons to the extent that they own, control, operate, or manage vehicles used for van-pooling or any other nonprofit ride-sharing arrangement by which a group of people share the expense of operating or owning and operating a vehicle in which they commute to and from work with one member of the group serving as driver in exchange for transportation to and from work and reasonable personal use of the vehicle; or

"(3) corporations or persons, their lessees, trustees, or receivers, or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever, insofar as they own, control, operate, or manage motor propelled taxicabs designed for carrying no more than five passengers [; permits, licenses, or certificates issued prior to June 1, 1983, would not be affected by the provisions of this exclusion. Such taxicabs are motor buses only when they operate to or from an airport established pursuant to Section 14, Chapter 114, Acts of the 50th Legislature, 1947, as amended (Article 46d-14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes)]."

**SECTION 2.** Subdivision (6), Subsection (d), Section 14, Chapter 114, Acts of the 50th Legislature, Regular Session, 1947 (Article 46d-14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

"(6) Taxicab Licensing. *A [Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in H.B. 503, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, a] joint airport board established pursuant to this Act [Chapter 114, Acts of the 50th Legislature, Regular Session, 1947, as amended (Article 46d-14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes),] shall have power to license taxicabs picking up passengers at or delivering passengers to the airport and to charge and collect fees with respect to the issuance of licenses under this subdivision."*

**SECTION 3.** A permit for the operation of a taxicab that was issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas under Chapter 270, Acts of the 40th Legislature, Regular Session, 1927, as amended (Article 911a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), before the effective date of this Act, is valid for the period for which the permit was issued.

**SECTION 4.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

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Passed the Senate on April 30, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 117, Nays 0, three present not voting.

Approved: June 5, 1985

Effective: Immediately