

CHAPTER 1060

S.B. No. 564

AN ACT

relating to the regulation by municipalities of certain private for-hire vehicles, however propelled, providing passenger taxicab transportation services; authorizing the regulation by municipalities of such services.

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

SECTION 1. The regulation by any municipality within this state of private for-hire vehicles, however propelled, providing passenger transportation services is directed and authorized as follows:

(1) Every municipality shall protect the public health, safety, and welfare by licensing, controlling, and regulating by ordinance each private passenger for-hire vehicle, however

propelled, providing passenger taxicab transportation services in vehicles designed for carrying no more than eight passengers operated within the jurisdiction of the municipality; on property owned by such municipality, either singly or jointly with other municipalities or public agencies; or on property in which the municipality possesses an ownership interest, or from such municipality, municipal property, or municipal property interest and returning thereto. Every municipality is empowered to regulate the following:

(A) entry into the business of providing taxicab passenger transportation service, including taxicab service, within the jurisdiction of that municipality or on the property or property interest of the municipality as described in Subdivision (1);

(B) rates charged for the provision of such passenger transportation service;

(C) establishment of safety and insurance requirements; and

(D) any other requirement adopted to ensure safe and reliable passenger transportation service.

(2) Any home-rule city or municipality is authorized to carry out the provisions of this section as acts of government, to the extent the governing authority deems necessary or appropriate and is further authorized to control, limit, or restrict entry of the total number of companies and persons providing such services.

SECTION 2. 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.

Passed the Senate on April 2, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 21, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Passed the House, with amendment, on May 15, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 20, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.