

By Mr. Ranieri of Bellingham, petition of Daniel J. Ranieri relative to the regulation of chauffeured limousines. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF CHAUFFEURED LIMOUSINES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter forty of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after Section 22 the following Section: —

3 Section 22A. Definitions:

4 “Chauffeured Limousines” — A motor vehicle not longer than
5 25 Ft. used for the transportation of passengers for hire along
6 public streets, not over a defined route, but a route under the
7 control of the person hiring such a vehicle. A chauffeured
8 limousine shall not bear top lights and shall be dispatched from
9 a fixed location and shall be hired by contract on a minimum rate
10 and hourly basis only. The minimum rate shall be no less than
11 thirty dollars per hour with a minimum guarantee of one and one-
12 half hours per contract.

13 The aforementioned minimum rate and hourly requirement shall
14 not apply to vehicles which have a passenger seating capacity not
15 including the driver of less than six or more than nine.

16 Minimum rates shall be filed with the police chief or
17 commissioner of the city or town wherein the fixed location is
18 situated.

19 “Base of operations” — that fixed location which is the
20 principal place of business from which vehicles are dispatched
21 either by voice or radio pursuant to a pre-arranged contract.
22 Vehicles need not be garaged at the base of operations.

23 Within sixty days of the effective date of this Act and within 30
24 days of every anniversary thereof every entity operating the
25 business of providing Chauffeured Limousines shall make

26 application to the police commissioner or chief of the municipality
27 of the company's base of operations for the licensure of each and
28 every vehicle to be used as a chauffeured limousine. Said
29 application shall be approved within five days of the furnishing
30 of the following information only:

- 31 1. The name of the entity operating the business.
- 32 2. The vehicle ID number and owner of each vehicle if different
33 from the entity operating the business.
- 34 3. A copy of the motor vehicle registration of each vehicle.
- 35 4. Evidence of insurance coverage for property damage in the
36 face amount of fifty thousand dollars and for personal injury of
37 no less than five hundred thousand dollars per person and one
38 million dollars per accident.
- 39 5. An affidavit signed by the sole proprietor, a partner or the
40 president of a corporation depending on the legal entity so
41 employed stating that each vehicle is no longer twenty-five feet.
- 42 6. A list of all chauffeurs employed by the company.

43 The police department may perform a criminal record check
44 within five days from the submission of the name of a chauffeur
45 and certify said chauffeur as an approved driver. If the police
46 department fails to respond within the five day period, the
47 chauffeur shall be approved.

48 The chief or commissioner of police shall issue a decal, the size,
49 color and shape of which will be set by the Secretary of Public
50 Safety of the Commonwealth. Temporary decals shall also be
51 made available under appropriate circumstances. The cost for said
52 decals shall be twenty-five dollars per year. Said decal shall be
53 placed on the rear bumper within one foot of the license plate.

54 Violation of the provisions of this section shall subject the entity
55 or the chauffeur as their interests apply to a fine of fifty dollars
56 for the first offense and a fine of three hundred dollars for a second
57 offense or subsequent offense.

58 For the purpose of this section vans and coaches are excluded.