

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to luxury ground transportation
3 companies; creating s. 627.747, F.S.; providing
4 definitions; providing that a luxury ground
5 transportation company (LGTC) driver is not required
6 to register certain vehicles as commercial motor
7 vehicles or for-hire vehicles; requiring an LGTC to
8 designate and maintain an agent for service of process
9 in this state; providing fare requirements; providing
10 requirements for an LGTC's digital network; providing
11 for an electronic receipt, subject to certain
12 requirements; providing automobile insurance
13 requirements for an LGTC and an LGTC driver; providing
14 requirements for specified proof of coverage for an
15 LGTC driver under certain circumstances; providing
16 certain disclosure requirements for an LGTC driver in
17 the event of an accident; requiring an LGTC to cause
18 its insurer to issue certain payments directly to
19 certain parties; requiring an LGTC to make specified
20 disclosures in writing to LGTC drivers under certain
21 circumstances; authorizing specified insurers to
22 exclude certain coverage; providing that the right to
23 exclude coverage applies to any coverage included in
24 an automobile insurance policy; providing
25 applicability; providing that automobile insurers do

26 | not have a duty to defend or indemnify certain claims;
27 | providing that specified automobile insurers have a
28 | right of contribution against other insurers that
29 | provide automobile insurance to the same LGTC drivers
30 | in satisfaction of certain coverage requirements under
31 | certain circumstances; requiring an LGTC to provide
32 | specified information upon request by certain parties
33 | during a claims coverage investigation; requiring
34 | certain insurers to disclose specified information
35 | upon request by any other insurer involved in the
36 | particular claim; providing that LGTC drivers are
37 | independent contractors if specified conditions are
38 | met; requiring an LGTC to implement a zero-tolerance
39 | policy for drug or alcohol use; providing LGTC driver
40 | requirements; requiring an LGTC to conduct a certain
41 | background check for an LGTC driver; prohibiting an
42 | individual from becoming an LGTC driver under certain
43 | circumstances; requiring an LGTC to submit to the
44 | Department of Financial Services an examination report
45 | prepared by a certified public accountant; providing
46 | fines for noncompliance; providing administrative
47 | proceedings; authorizing injunctive relief under
48 | certain circumstances; providing rulemaking authority;
49 | prohibiting an LGTC driver from accepting certain
50 | rides or soliciting or accepting street hails;

51 requiring an LGTC to adopt a policy of
52 nondiscrimination with respect to riders and potential
53 riders and to notify LGTC drivers of such policy;
54 requiring LGTC drivers to comply with the
55 nondiscrimination policy and certain applicable laws
56 regarding nondiscrimination and accommodation of
57 service animals; prohibiting an LGTC from imposing
58 additional charges for providing services to persons
59 who have physical disabilities; requiring an LGTC that
60 contracts with a governmental entity to provide
61 paratransit services to comply with certain state and
62 federal laws; requiring an LGTC to reevaluate a
63 decision to remove an LGTC driver's authorization to
64 access its digital network in certain instances;
65 requiring an LGTC to maintain specified records;
66 providing legislative intent; specifying that LGTCs,
67 LGTC drivers, and LGTC vehicles are governed
68 exclusively by state law; prohibiting local
69 governmental entities and subdivisions from taking
70 specified actions; providing construction; providing
71 an effective date.

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73 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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75 Section 1. Section 627.747, Florida Statutes, is created

76 to read:

77 627.747 Luxury ground transportation companies.—

78 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

79 (a) "Digital network" means any online-enabled technology
80 application service, website, or system offered or used by a
81 luxury ground transportation company which enables the
82 prearrangement of rides with luxury ground transportation
83 company drivers.

84 (b) "Luxury ground transportation company" or "LGTC" means
85 an entity operating in this state pursuant to this section using
86 a digital network to connect a rider to an LGTC driver, who
87 provides prearranged rides. An LGTC is not required to own,
88 control, operate, direct, or manage the luxury ground
89 transportation company vehicles or luxury ground transportation
90 drivers that connect to its digital network, except where agreed
91 to by written contract, and is not a taxicab or taxicab
92 association. The term does not include an individual,
93 corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity
94 that arranges medical transportation for individuals who qualify
95 for Medicaid or Medicare pursuant to a contract with the state
96 or a managed care organization. This section does not prohibit
97 an LGTC from providing prearranged rides to individuals who
98 qualify for Medicaid or Medicare if the LGTC meets the
99 requirements of this section.

100 (c) "Luxury ground transportation company driver" or "LGTC

101 driver" means an individual who:

102 1. Receives connections to potential riders and related
103 services from a luxury ground transportation company.

104 2. In return for compensation, uses an LGTC vehicle to
105 offer or provide a prearranged ride to a rider upon connection
106 through a digital network.

107 (d) "Luxury ground transportation company vehicle" or
108 "LGTC vehicle" means a vehicle that is not a taxicab or a for-
109 hire vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(15) and that is:

110 1. Used by an LGTC driver to offer or provide a
111 prearranged ride.

112 2. Owned, leased, or otherwise authorized to be used by
113 the LGTC driver.

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115 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a vehicle that is
116 let or rented to another for consideration may be used as a
117 luxury ground transportation company vehicle.

118 (e) "Prearranged ride" means the provision of
119 transportation by an LGTC driver to a rider, beginning when an
120 LGTC driver accepts a ride requested by a rider through a
121 digital network controlled by a luxury ground transportation
122 company, continuing while the LGTC driver transports the
123 requesting rider, and ending when the last requesting rider
124 departs from the LGTC vehicle. The term does not include a
125 taxicab or street hail service and does not include ridesharing

126 as defined in s. 341.031, carpool as defined in s. 450.28, or
127 any other type of service in which the driver receives a fee
128 that does not exceed the driver's cost to provide the ride.

129 (f) "Rider" means an individual who uses a digital network
130 to connect with an LGTC driver in order to obtain a prearranged
131 ride in the LGTC vehicle between points chosen by the rider. A
132 person may use a digital network to request a prearranged ride
133 on behalf of a rider.

134 (g) "Street hail" means an immediate arrangement on a
135 street with a driver by a person using any method other than a
136 digital network to seek immediate transportation.

137 (2) NOT OTHER CARRIERS.—An LGTC or LGTC driver is not a
138 common carrier, contract carrier, or motor carrier and does not
139 provide taxicab or for-hire vehicle services. In addition, an
140 LGTC driver is not required to register the vehicle that the
141 LGTC driver uses to provide prearranged rides as a commercial
142 motor vehicle or a for-hire vehicle.

143 (3) AGENT.—An LGTC must designate and maintain an agent
144 for service of process in this state.

145 (4) FARE TRANSPARENCY.—If a fare is collected from a
146 rider, the LGTC must disclose to the rider the fare or fare
147 calculation method on its website or within the online-enabled
148 technology application service before the beginning of the
149 prearranged ride. If the fare is not disclosed to the rider
150 before the beginning of the prearranged ride, the rider must

151 have the option to receive an estimated fare before the
152 beginning of the prearranged ride.

153 (5) IDENTIFICATION OF LGTC VEHICLES AND DRIVERS.—The
154 LGTC's digital network must display a photograph of the LGTC
155 driver and the license plate number of the LGTC vehicle used for
156 providing the prearranged ride before the rider enters the LGTC
157 vehicle.

158 (6) ELECTRONIC RECEIPT.—Within a reasonable period after
159 the completion of a ride, an LGTC shall transmit an electronic
160 receipt to the rider on behalf of the LGTC driver which lists:

- 161 (a) The origin and destination of the ride.
162 (b) The total time and distance of the ride.
163 (c) The total fare paid.

164 (7) LUXURY GROUND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY AND LGTC DRIVER
165 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.—

166 (a) Beginning July 1, 2019, an LGTC driver or an LGTC on
167 behalf of the LGTC driver shall maintain primary automobile
168 insurance that:

- 169 1. Recognizes that the LGTC driver is an LGTC driver or
170 otherwise uses a vehicle to transport riders for compensation.
171 2. Covers the LGTC driver while the LGTC driver is logged
172 on to the digital network of the LGTC or while the LGTC driver
173 is engaged in a prearranged ride.

174 (b) The following automobile insurance requirements apply
175 while a participating LGTC driver is logged on to the digital

176 | network but is not engaged in a prearranged ride:

177 | 1. Automobile insurance that provides:

178 | a. A primary automobile liability coverage of at least

179 | \$50,000 for death and bodily injury per person, \$100,000 for

180 | death and bodily injury per incident, and \$25,000 for property

181 | damage.

182 | b. Personal injury protection benefits that meet the

183 | minimum coverage amounts required under ss. 627.730-627.7405.

184 | c. Uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage as required

185 | by s. 627.727.

186 | 2. The coverage requirements of this paragraph may be

187 | satisfied by any of the following:

188 | a. Automobile insurance maintained by the LGTC driver;

189 | b. Automobile insurance maintained by the LGTC; or

190 | c. A combination of sub-subparagraphs a. and b.

191 | (c) The following automobile insurance requirements apply

192 | while an LGTC driver is engaged in a prearranged ride:

193 | 1. Automobile insurance that provides:

194 | a. A primary automobile liability coverage of at least \$1

195 | million for death, bodily injury, and property damage;

196 | b. Personal injury protection benefits that meet the

197 | minimum coverage amounts required of a limousine.

198 | c. Uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage as required

199 | by s. 627.727.

200 | 2. The coverage requirements of this paragraph may be

201 satisfied by any of the following:

202 a. Automobile insurance maintained by the LGTC driver;

203 b. Automobile insurance maintained by the LGTC; or

204 c. A combination of sub-subparagraphs a. and b.

205 (d) If the LGTC driver's insurance under paragraph (b) or
206 paragraph (c) has lapsed or does not provide the required
207 coverage, the insurance maintained by the LGTC must provide the
208 coverage required under this subsection, beginning with the
209 first dollar of a claim, and has the duty to defend such claim.

210 (e) Coverage under an automobile insurance policy
211 maintained by the LGTC must not be dependent on a personal
212 automobile insurer first denying a claim, and a personal
213 automobile insurance policy is not required to first deny a
214 claim.

215 (f) Insurance required under this subsection must be
216 provided by an insurer authorized to do business in this state
217 which is a member of the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association
218 or an eligible surplus lines insurer that has a superior,
219 excellent, exceptional, or equivalent financial strength rating
220 by a rating agency acceptable to the office.

221 (g) Insurance satisfying the requirements of this
222 subsection is deemed to satisfy the financial responsibility
223 requirement for a motor vehicle under chapter 324 and the
224 security required under s. 627.733 for any period when the LGTC
225 driver is logged onto the digital network or engaged in a

226 prearranged ride.

227 (h) An LGTC driver shall carry proof of coverage
228 satisfying paragraphs (b) and (c) with him or her at all times
229 during his or her use of an LGTC vehicle in connection with a
230 digital network. In the event of an accident, an LGTC driver
231 shall provide this insurance coverage information to any party
232 directly involved in the accident or the party's designated
233 representative, automobile insurers, and investigating police
234 officers. Proof of financial responsibility may be presented
235 through an electronic device, such as a digital phone
236 application, under s. 316.646. Upon request, an LGTC driver
237 shall also disclose to any party directly involved in the
238 accident or the party's designated representative, automobile
239 insurers, and investigating police officers whether he or she
240 was logged on to a digital network or was engaged in a
241 prearranged ride at the time of the accident.

242 (i) If an LGTC's insurer makes a payment for a claim
243 covered under comprehensive coverage or collision coverage, the
244 LGTC shall cause its insurer to issue the payment directly to
245 the business repairing the vehicle or jointly to the owner of
246 the vehicle and the primary lienholder on the covered vehicle.

247 (8) LUXURY GROUND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY AND INSURER;
248 DISCLOSURE; EXCLUSIONS.—

249 (a) Before an LGTC driver is allowed to accept a request
250 for a prearranged ride on the digital network, the LGTC must

251 disclose in writing to the LGTC driver:

252 1. The insurance coverage, including the types of coverage
253 and the limits for each coverage, which the LGTC provides while
254 the LGTC driver uses an LGTC vehicle in connection with the
255 LGTC's digital network.

256 2. That the LGTC driver's own automobile insurance policy
257 might not provide any coverage while the LGTC driver is logged
258 on to the digital network or is engaged in a prearranged ride,
259 depending on the terms of the LGTC driver's own automobile
260 insurance policy.

261 3. That the provision of rides for compensation which are
262 not prearranged rides subjects the driver to the coverage
263 requirements imposed under s. 324.032(1) and that failure to
264 meet such coverage requirements subjects the LGTC driver to
265 penalties provided in s. 324.221, up to and including a
266 misdemeanor of the second degree.

267 (b)1. An insurer that provides an automobile liability
268 insurance policy under this part may exclude any and all
269 coverage afforded under the policy issued to an owner or
270 operator of an LGTC vehicle for any loss or injury that occurs
271 while an LGTC driver is logged on to a digital network or while
272 an LGTC driver provides a prearranged ride. This right to
273 exclude all coverage may apply to any coverage included in an
274 automobile insurance policy, including, but not limited to:

275 a. Liability coverage for bodily injury and property

276 damage.

277 b. Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage.

278 c. Medical payments coverage.

279 d. Comprehensive physical damage coverage.

280 e. Collision physical damage coverage.

281 f. Personal injury protection.

282 2. The exclusions described in subparagraph 1. apply

283 notwithstanding any requirement under chapter 324. These

284 exclusions do not affect or diminish coverage otherwise

285 available for permissive drivers or resident relatives under the

286 personal automotive insurance policy of the LGTC driver or owner

287 of the LGTC vehicle who are not occupying the LGTC vehicle at

288 the time of loss. This section does not require that a personal

289 automobile insurance policy provide coverage while the LGTC

290 driver is logged on to a digital network, while the LGTC driver

291 is engaged in a prearranged ride, or while the LGTC driver

292 otherwise uses a vehicle to transport riders for compensation.

293 3. This section may not be construed to require an insurer

294 to use any particular policy language or reference to this

295 section in order to exclude any and all coverage for any loss or

296 injury that occurs while an LGTC driver is logged on to a

297 digital network or while an LGTC driver provides a prearranged

298 ride.

299 4. This section does not preclude an insurer from

300 providing primary or excess coverage for the LGTC vehicle by

301 contract or endorsement.

302 (c)1. An automobile insurer that excludes the coverage
303 described in subparagraph (b)1. does not have a duty to defend
304 or indemnify any claim expressly excluded thereunder. This
305 section does not invalidate or limit an exclusion contained in a
306 policy, including a policy in use or approved for use in this
307 state before July 1, 2019, which excludes coverage for vehicles
308 used to carry persons or property for a charge or available for
309 hire by the public.

310 2. An automobile insurer that defends or indemnifies a
311 claim against an LGTC driver which is excluded under the terms
312 of its policy has a right of contribution against other insurers
313 that provide automobile insurance to the same LGTC driver in
314 satisfaction of the coverage requirements of subsection (7) at
315 the time of loss.

316 (d) In a claims coverage investigation, an LGTC shall
317 immediately provide, upon request by a directly involved party
318 or any insurer of the LGTC driver, if applicable, the precise
319 times that the LGTC driver logged on and off the digital network
320 in the 12-hour period immediately preceding and in the 12-hour
321 period immediately following the accident. An insurer providing
322 coverage under subsection (7) shall disclose, upon request by
323 any other insurer involved in the particular claim, the
324 applicable coverages, exclusions, and limits provided under any
325 automobile insurance maintained in order to satisfy the

326 requirements of subsection (7).

327 (9) LIMITATION ON LUXURY GROUND TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES.—

328 An LGTC driver is an independent contractor and not an employee
329 of the LGTC if all of the following conditions are met:

330 (a) The LGTC does not unilaterally prescribe specific
331 hours during which the LGTC driver must be logged on to the
332 LGTC's digital network.

333 (b) The LGTC does not prohibit the LGTC driver from using
334 digital networks from other LGTCs.

335 (c) The LGTC does not restrict the LGTC driver from
336 engaging in any other occupation or business.

337 (d) The LGTC and LGTC driver agree in writing that the
338 LGTC driver is an independent contractor with respect to the
339 LGTC.

340 (10) ZERO TOLERANCE FOR DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE.—

341 (a) The LGTC shall implement a zero-tolerance policy
342 regarding an LGTC driver's activities while accessing the LGTC's
343 digital network. The zero-tolerance policy must address the use
344 of drugs or alcohol while an LGTC driver is providing a
345 prearranged ride or is logged on to the digital network.

346 (b) The LGTC shall provide notice of this policy on its
347 website, as well as procedures to report a complaint about an
348 LGTC driver who a rider reasonably suspects was under the
349 influence of drugs or alcohol during the course of the ride.

350 (c) Upon receipt of a rider's complaint alleging a

351 violation of the zero-tolerance policy, the LGTC shall suspend
352 an LGTC driver's ability to accept any ride request through the
353 LGTC's digital network as soon as possible and shall conduct an
354 investigation into the reported incident. The suspension must
355 last the duration of the investigation.

356 (11) LUXURY GROUND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY DRIVER
357 REQUIREMENTS.—

358 (a) Before an individual is authorized to accept a ride
359 request through a digital network:

360 1. The individual must submit an application to the LGTC
361 which includes information regarding his or her address, age,
362 driver license, motor vehicle registration, and other
363 information required by the LGTC.

364 2. The LGTC must conduct, or have a third party conduct, a
365 local and national criminal background check that includes:

366 a. A search of the Multi-State/Multi-Jurisdiction Criminal
367 Records Locator or other similar commercial nationwide database
368 with validation of any records through primary source search.

369 b. A search of the National Sex Offender Public Website
370 maintained by the United States Department of Justice.

371 3. The LGTC must obtain and review, or have a third party
372 obtain and review, a driving history research report for the
373 applicant.

374 (b) The LGTC shall conduct the background check required
375 under paragraph (a) for an LGTC driver every 2 years.

376 (c) The LGTC may not authorize an individual to act as an
377 LGTC driver on its digital network if the driving history
378 research report conducted when the individual first seeks access
379 to the digital network reveals that the individual has had more
380 than three moving violations in the prior 2-year period.

381 (d) The LGTC may not authorize an individual to act as an
382 LGTC driver on its digital network if the background check
383 conducted when the individual first seeks access to the digital
384 network or any subsequent background check required under
385 paragraph (b) reveals that the individual:

- 386 1. Has been convicted, within the past 2 years, of:
387 a. A felony and the individual has not paid restitution;
388 b. A misdemeanor for driving under the influence of drugs
389 or alcohol, for reckless driving, for hit and run, or for
390 fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer; or
391 c. A misdemeanor for a violent offense or sexual battery,
392 or a crime of lewdness or indecent exposure under chapter 800;
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394 2. Is a match in the National Sex Offender Public Website
395 maintained by the United States Department of Justice;
396 3. Does not possess a valid driver license; or
397 4. Does not possess proof of registration for the motor
398 vehicle used to provide prearranged rides.

399 (12) LUXURY GROUND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY REPORT.—

400 (a) No later than January 1 of every other year beginning

401 in 2021, an LGTC shall submit to the department an examination
402 report prepared by an independent certified public accountant
403 for the sole purpose of verifying that the LGTC is in compliance
404 with subsections (8) and (11) on a continual basis either for
405 the preceding 2 years or for the timeframe that the LGTC has
406 been operating in this state if that timeframe is less than 2
407 years. The report shall expressly state whether the LGTC was
408 compliant or noncompliant. The report must be prepared in
409 accordance with applicable attestation standards established by
410 the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The LGTC
411 shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and
412 submission of the report.

413 (b)1. Within 30 days after receipt of the report required
414 under paragraph (a), the department shall impose a fine of
415 \$10,000 if the report includes a finding that the LGTC has been
416 noncompliant with subsection (8) or subsection (11), or both. An
417 LGTC that has been found to be noncompliant shall submit another
418 examination report prepared by an independent certified public
419 accountant to the department no later than January 1 of the
420 following year. This subsequent report shall evaluate the
421 records of the LGTC for the timeframe since the independent
422 certified public accountant last reviewed the records of the
423 LGTC to determine whether the LGTC has been compliant with
424 subsections (8) and (11) on a continual basis. Within 30 days
425 after receipt of the subsequent report required by this

426 subparagraph, the department shall impose a fine of \$20,000 if
427 the subsequent report includes a finding that the LGTC has been
428 noncompliant with subsection (8) or subsection (11), or both.
429 Failure to timely submit any report required under this
430 subparagraph shall result in the imposition of an additional
431 fine of \$10,000 for noncompliance.

432 2. Any fine imposed by the department shall be payable
433 within 21 days after receipt of notice from the department. The
434 moneys so received may be deposited by the department for use in
435 defraying the expenses of the department in the discharge of its
436 administrative and regulatory duties under this subsection and
437 subsection (11). The payment of a fine shall be stayed by the
438 filing of a petition for an administrative proceeding pursuant
439 to chapter 120 with the department's agency clerk. Failure to
440 timely petition will waive any rights to an administrative
441 hearing. The department may, pursuant to the Florida Rules of
442 Civil Procedure, seek injunctive relief against a LGTC that
443 fails to comply with the requirements of this subsection.

444 (c) The department may adopt rules to implement this
445 subsection.

446 (13) PROHIBITED CONDUCT.—

447 (a) An LGTC driver may not accept a ride for compensation
448 other than by a rider arranged through a digital network.

449 (b) An LGTC driver may not solicit or accept street hails.

450 (14) NONDISCRIMINATION; ACCESSIBILITY.—

451 (a) An LGTC shall adopt a policy of nondiscrimination with
452 respect to riders and potential riders and shall notify LGTC
453 drivers of such policy.

454 (b) An LGTC driver shall comply with the LGTC's
455 nondiscrimination policy.

456 (c) An LGTC driver shall comply with all applicable laws
457 regarding nondiscrimination against riders and potential riders.

458 (d) An LGTC driver shall comply with all applicable laws
459 relating to accommodation of service animals.

460 (e) An LGTC may not impose additional charges for
461 providing services to a person who has a physical disability
462 because of the person's disability.

463 (f) An LGTC that contracts with a governmental entity to
464 provide paratransit services must comply with all applicable
465 state and federal laws related to individuals with disabilities.

466 (g) An LGTC shall reevaluate any decision to remove an
467 LGTC driver's authorization to access its digital network due to
468 a low-quality rating by riders if the LGTC driver alleges that
469 the low-quality rating was because of a characteristic
470 identified in the company's nondiscrimination policy and there
471 is a plausible basis for such allegation.

472 (15) RECORDS.—An LGTC shall maintain all of the following
473 records:

474 (a) Individual ride records for at least 1 year after the
475 date on which each ride is provided.

476 (b) Individual records of LGTC drivers for at least 1 year
 477 after the date on which the LGTC driver's relationship with the
 478 LGTC ends.

479 (16) PREEMPTION.—

480 (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide for
 481 uniformity of laws governing LGTCs, LGTC drivers, and LGTC
 482 vehicles throughout the state. LGTCs, LGTC drivers, and LGTC
 483 vehicles are governed exclusively by state law, including in any
 484 locality or other jurisdiction that enacted a law or created
 485 rules governing LGTCs, LGTC drivers, or LGTC vehicles before
 486 July 1, 2019. A county, municipality, special district, airport
 487 authority, port authority, or other local governmental entity or
 488 subdivision may not:

489 1. Impose a tax on, or require a license for, an LGTC, an
 490 LGTC driver, or an LGTC vehicle if such tax or license relates
 491 to providing prearranged rides;

492 2. Subject an LGTC, an LGTC driver, or an LGTC vehicle to
 493 any rate, entry, operation, or other requirement of the county,
 494 municipality, special district, airport authority, port
 495 authority, or other local governmental entity or subdivision; or

496 3. Require an LGTC or an LGTC driver to obtain a business
 497 license or any other type of similar authorization to operate
 498 within the local governmental entity's jurisdiction.

499 (b) This subsection does not prohibit an airport or
 500 seaport from charging reasonable pickup fees consistent with any

501 pickup fees charged to taxicab companies at that airport or
502 seaport for their use of the airport's or seaport's facilities
503 or prohibit the airport or seaport from designating locations
504 for staging, pickup, and other similar operations at the airport
505 or seaport.

506 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.