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To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1381

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REGULATIONS RELATED TO
2 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS;
3 TO PROVIDE THAT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES ARE NOT COMMON OR
4 CONTRACT CARRIERS; TO REQUIRE A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY TO
5 OBTAIN A PERMIT LICENSE; TO REQUIRE A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK
6 COMPANY TO MAINTAIN A DESIGNATED AGENT IN THE STATE; TO AUTHORIZE
7 A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY TO COLLECT A FARE ON BEHALF OF A
8 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY DRIVER; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN
9 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY
10 WEBSITE OR APPLICATION; TO REQUIRE A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK
11 COMPANY TO PROVIDE AN ELECTRONIC RECEIPT; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN
12 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY DRIVERS
13 AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES; TO REQUIRE TRANSPORTATION
14 NETWORK COMPANIES TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION IN WRITING TO A
15 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY DRIVER; TO SPECIFY CERTAIN
16 REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO INSURANCE POLICIES FOR TRANSPORTATION
17 NETWORK COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY
18 DRIVERS ARE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS; TO REQUIRE A TRANSPORTATION
19 NETWORK COMPANY TO IMPLEMENT A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY REGARDING
20 DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE; TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY
21 DRIVER REQUIREMENTS; TO PROHIBIT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY
22 DRIVERS FROM ACCEPTING STREET HAILS OR CASH TIPS; TO REQUIRE A
23 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY TO ADOPT AN ANTIDISCRIMINATION
24 POLICY; TO REQUIRE A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY TO KEEP
25 CERTAIN RECORDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO
26 AUDIT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES; TO PREEMPT LOCAL LAW
27 REGARDING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE
28 COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO PROMULGATE RULES RELATED TO
29 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES; TO AMEND SECTION 77-7-7,
30 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
31 THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

32 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:



33 **SECTION 1.** For the purposes of this chapter, the following
34 terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them, unless the context
35 clearly indicates otherwise:

36 (a) "Personal Vehicle" means a vehicle that is used by
37 a transportation network company driver and is:

38 (i) Owned, leased or otherwise authorized for use
39 by the transportation network company driver; and

40 (ii) Not a common carrier by motor vehicle,
41 contract carrier by motor vehicle or restricted motor carrier
42 under Chapter 7, Title 77, Mississippi Code of 1972.

43 (b) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Insurance.

44 (c) "Department" means the Mississippi Insurance
45 Department.

46 (d) "Digital network" means any online-enabled
47 application, software, website or system offered or utilized by a
48 transportation network company that enables the prearrangement of
49 rides with transportation network company drivers.

50 (e) "Transportation network company (TNC)" means a
51 corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or other entity that
52 is licensed under this chapter and operates in Mississippi, that
53 uses a digital network to connect transportation network company
54 riders to transportation network company drivers who provide
55 prearranged rides. A transportation network company shall not be
56 deemed to control, direct or manage the personal vehicles or



57 transportation network company drivers that connect to its digital
58 network, except where agreed to by written contract.

59 (f) "Transportation network company driver" or "driver"
60 means an individual who:

61 (i) Receives connections to potential passengers
62 and related services from a transportation network company in
63 exchange for payment of a fee to the transportation network
64 company; and

65 (ii) Uses a personal vehicle to offer or provide a
66 prearranged ride to riders upon connection through a digital
67 network controlled by a transportation network company in return
68 for compensation or payment of a fee.

69 (g) "Transportation network company rider" or "rider"
70 means an individual or persons who use a transportation network
71 company's digital network to connect with a transportation network
72 driver who provides prearranged rides to the rider in the driver's
73 personal vehicle between points chosen by the rider.

74 (h) "Prearranged ride" means the provision of
75 transportation by a driver to a rider, beginning when a driver
76 accepts a ride requested by a rider through a digital network
77 controlled by a transportation network company, continuing while
78 the driver transports a requesting rider, and ending when the last
79 requesting rider departs from the personal vehicle. A prearranged
80 ride does not include transportation provided using a common
81 carrier by motor vehicle, contract carrier by motor vehicle, or



82 restricted motor carrier under Chapter 7, Title 77, Mississippi
83 Code of 1972. A prearranged ride does not include vanpooling as
84 defined in Section 77-7-7(m), or any other type of arrangement or
85 service in which the driver receives a fee that does not exceed
86 the driver's costs associated with providing the ride.

87 **SECTION 2.** Transportation network companies or
88 transportation network company drivers are not common carriers by
89 motor vehicle, contract carriers by motor vehicle, or restricted
90 motor carriers under Chapter 7, Title 77, Mississippi Code of
91 1972, nor do they provide taxicab or limousine services. In
92 addition, a transportation network company driver shall not be
93 required to register the vehicle such driver uses to provide
94 prearranged rides as a commercial vehicle.

95 **SECTION 3.** (1) A person shall not operate a transportation
96 network company in the state without first having obtained a
97 license from the department, provided that any transportation
98 network company operating in the state before July 1, 2016, may
99 continue operating until the department creates a license process
100 and sets a registration deadline.

101 (2) The department shall issue a license to each applicant
102 that meets the requirements for a transportation network company
103 set forth in this chapter, and pays an annual license fee of Five
104 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the department.

105 **SECTION 4.** The transportation network company must maintain
106 an agent for service of process in the State of Mississippi.



107 **SECTION 5.** On behalf of a transportation network company
108 driver, a transportation network company may charge a fare for the
109 services provided to riders; provided that, if a fare is collected
110 from a rider, the transportation network company shall disclose to
111 the rider the fare or fare calculation method on its website or
112 within the software application service. The transportation
113 network company shall also provide riders with the applicable
114 rates being charged and the option to receive an estimated fare
115 before the rider enters the transportation network company
116 driver's vehicle.

117 **SECTION 6.** The transportation network company's software
118 application or website shall display a picture of the
119 transportation network company driver, and the license plate
120 number of the motor vehicle utilized for providing the prearranged
121 ride before the rider enters the transportation network company
122 driver's vehicle.

123 **SECTION 7.** Within a reasonable period of time following the
124 completion of a trip, a transportation network company shall
125 transmit an electronic receipt to the rider on behalf of the
126 transportation network company driver that lists:

- 127 (a) The origin and destination of the trip;
128 (b) The total time and distance of the trip; and
129 (c) An itemization of the total fare paid, if any.

130 **SECTION 8.** On or before July 1, 2016, and thereafter, a
131 transportation network company driver or transportation network



132 company on the driver's behalf shall maintain primary automobile
133 insurance that:

134 (a) Recognizes that the driver is a transportation
135 network company driver or otherwise uses a vehicle to transport
136 passengers for compensation and covers the driver:

137 (i) While the driver is logged on to the
138 transportation network company's digital network; or

139 (ii) While the driver is engaged in a prearranged
140 ride.

141 (b) (i) While a transportation network company driver
142 is logged on to the transportation network company digital network
143 and is available to receive transportation requests but is not
144 engaged in a prearranged ride, the transportation network company
145 driver shall have primary automobile liability insurance in the
146 amount of at least Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for death
147 and bodily injury per person, One Hundred Thousand Dollars
148 (\$100,000.00) for death and bodily injury per incident, and
149 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for property damage.

150 (ii) The coverage requirements of this paragraph
151 (b) may be satisfied by any of the following:

152 1. Automobile insurance maintained by the
153 transportation network company driver; or

154 2. Automobile insurance maintained by the
155 transportation network company; or

156 3. Any combination of items 1 and 2.



157 (c) (i) While a transportation network company driver
158 is engaged in a prearranged ride the transportation network
159 company driver shall have primary automobile liability insurance
160 that provides at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for
161 death, bodily injury and property damage.

162 (ii) The coverage requirements of this paragraph
163 (c) may be satisfied by any of the following:

164 1. Automobile insurance maintained by the
165 transportation network company driver; or

166 2. Automobile insurance maintained by the
167 transportation network company; or

168 3. Any combination of items 1 and 2.

169 (d) If insurance maintained by driver in paragraphs (b)
170 or (c) has lapsed or does not provide the required coverage,
171 insurance maintained by a transportation network company shall
172 provide the coverage required by this section, beginning with the
173 first dollar of a claim and the insurer shall have the duty to
174 defend such claim.

175 (e) Coverage under an automobile insurance policy
176 maintained by the transportation network company shall not be
177 dependent on a personal automobile insurer first denying a claim
178 nor shall a personal automobile insurance policy be required to
179 first deny a claim.

180 (f) Insurance required by this section may be placed
181 with an insurer licensed to do business in Mississippi, or with a



182 surplus lines insurer eligible under Sections 83-21-17 through
183 83-21-31.

184 (g) Insurance satisfying the requirements of this
185 section shall be deemed to satisfy the financial responsibility
186 requirement for a motor vehicle under the Mississippi Motor
187 Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Law, Sections 63-15-1 et seq.

188 (h) A transportation network company driver shall carry
189 proof of coverage satisfying paragraphs (b) and (c) of this
190 section with him or her at all times during his or her use of a
191 vehicle in connection with a transportation network company's
192 digital network. In the event of an accident, a transportation
193 network company driver shall provide this insurance coverage
194 information to the directly interested parties, automobile
195 insurers and investigating police officers, upon request in
196 accordance with Section 63-15-4. Upon such request, a
197 transportation network company driver shall also disclose to
198 directly interested parties, automobile insurers, and
199 investigating police officers, whether he or she was logged on to
200 the transportation network company's digital network or on a
201 prearranged ride at the time of an accident.

202 **SECTION 9.** (1) The transportation network company shall
203 disclose in writing to Transportation network company drivers the
204 following before they are allowed to accept a request for a
205 prearranged ride on the transportation network company's digital
206 network:



207 (a) The insurance coverage, including the types of
208 coverage and the limits for each coverage, that the transportation
209 network company provides while the transportation network company
210 driver uses a personal vehicle in connection with a transportation
211 network company's digital network; and

212 (b) That the transportation network company driver's
213 own automobile insurance policy might not provide any coverage
214 while the driver is logged on to the transportation network
215 company's digital network and is available to receive
216 transportation requests or is engaged in a prearranged ride,
217 depending on its terms.

218 **SECTION 10.** (1) Insurers that write automobile insurance in
219 Mississippi may exclude any and all coverage afforded under the
220 policy issued to an owner or operator of a personal vehicle for
221 any loss or injury that occurs while a driver is logged on to a
222 transportation network company's digital network or while a driver
223 provides a prearranged ride. This right to exclude all coverage
224 may apply to any coverage included in an automobile insurance
225 policy including, but not limited to:

226 (a) Liability coverage for bodily injury and property
227 damage;

228 (b) Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage;

229 (c) Medical payments coverage;

230 (d) Comprehensive physical damage coverage; and

231 (e) Collision physical damage coverage.



232 Such exclusions shall apply notwithstanding any requirement
233 under the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Law,
234 Section 63-15-1 et seq. Nothing in this section implies or
235 requires that a personal automobile insurance policy provide
236 coverage while the driver is logged on to the transportation
237 network company's digital network, while the driver is engaged in
238 a prearranged ride or while the driver otherwise uses a vehicle to
239 transport passengers for compensation. Nothing shall be deemed to
240 preclude an insurer from providing coverage for the transportation
241 network company driver's vehicle, if it so chose to do so by
242 contract or endorsement.

243 (2) Automobile insurers that exclude the coverage described
244 in Section 8 of this act shall have no duty to defend or indemnify
245 any claim expressly excluded thereunder. Nothing in this chapter
246 shall be deemed to invalidate or limit an exclusion contained in a
247 policy including any policy in use or approved for use in
248 Mississippi prior to July 1, 2016, that excludes coverage for
249 vehicles used to carry persons or property for a charge or
250 available for hire by the public. An automobile insurer that
251 defends or indemnifies a claim against a driver that is excluded
252 under the terms of its policy, shall have a right of contribution
253 against other insurers that provide automobile insurance to the
254 same driver in satisfaction of the coverage requirements of
255 Section 8 of this act at the time of loss.



256 (3) In a claims coverage investigation, transportation
257 network companies and any insurer potentially providing coverage
258 under Section 8 of this act shall cooperate to facilitate the
259 exchange of relevant information with directly involved parties
260 and any insurer of the transportation network company driver if
261 applicable, including the precise times that a transportation
262 network company driver logged on and off of the transportation
263 network company's digital network in the twelve (12) hour period
264 immediately preceding and in the twelve (12) hour period
265 immediately following the accident and disclose to one another a
266 clear description of the coverage, exclusions and limits provided
267 under any automobile insurance maintained under Section 8 of this
268 act.

269 **SECTION 11.** Drivers shall be deemed independent contractors
270 and not employees of the transportation network company if all of
271 the following conditions are met:

272 (a) The transportation network company does not
273 prescribe specific hours during which a transportation network
274 company driver must be logged into the transportation network
275 company's digital platform;

276 (b) The transportation network company imposes no
277 restrictions on the transportation network company driver's
278 ability to utilize digital platforms from other transportation
279 network companies;



280 (c) The transportation network company does not assign
281 a transportation network company driver a particular territory in
282 which to operate;

283 (d) The transportation network company does not
284 restrict a transportation network company driver from engaging in
285 any other occupation or business; and

286 (e) The transportation network company and
287 transportation network company driver agree in writing that the
288 driver is an independent contractor of the transportation network
289 company.

290 **SECTION 12.** (1) The transportation network company shall
291 implement a zero tolerance policy regarding a transportation
292 network company driver's activities while accessing the
293 transportation network company's digital platform. The zero
294 tolerance policy shall address the use of drugs or alcohol while a
295 transportation network company driver is providing prearranged
296 rides or is logged into the transportation network company's
297 digital network but is not providing prearranged rides. The
298 transportation network company shall provide notice of this policy
299 on its website, as well as procedures to report a complaint about
300 a driver with whom a rider was matched and whom the rider
301 reasonably suspects was under the influence of drugs or alcohol
302 during the course of the trip.

303 (2) Upon receipt of such rider complaint alleging a
304 violation of the zero tolerance policy, the transportation network



305 company shall suspend such transportation network company driver's
306 access to the transportation network company's digital platform as
307 soon as possible, and shall conduct an investigation into the
308 reported incident. The suspension shall last the duration of the
309 investigation.

310 (3) The transportation network company shall maintain
311 records relevant to the enforcement of this requirement for a
312 period of at least two (2) years from the date that a rider
313 complaint is received by the transportation network company.

314 **SECTION 13.** (1) Before allowing an individual to accept
315 trip requests through a transportation network company's digital
316 platform:

317 (a) The individual shall submit an application to the
318 transportation network company, which includes information
319 regarding his or her address, age, driver's license, motor vehicle
320 registration, automobile liability insurance, and other
321 information required by the transportation network company;

322 (b) The transportation network company shall conduct,
323 or have a third party conduct, a local and national criminal
324 background check for each applicant that shall include:

325 (i) Multi-state/multi-jurisdiction criminal
326 records locator or other similar commercial nationwide database
327 with validation or primary source search; and

328 (ii) United States Department of Justice National
329 Sex Offender Public Website;



330 (c) The transportation network company shall review, or
331 have a third party review, a driving history research report for
332 such individual.

333 (2) The transportation network company shall not permit an
334 individual to act as a transportation network company driver on
335 its digital platform who:

336 (a) Has had more than three (3) moving violations in
337 the prior three-year period, or one (1) major violation in the
338 prior three-year period, including, attempting to evade the
339 police, reckless driving, or driving on a suspended or revoked
340 license;

341 (b) Has been convicted, within the past seven (7)
342 years, of

343 (i) Any felony;

344 (ii) Misdemeanor driving under the influence,
345 reckless driving, hit and run, or any other driving-related
346 offense or any misdemeanor violent offense or sexual offense;

347 (iii) More than three (3) misdemeanors of any
348 kind;

349 (c) Is a match in the United States Department of
350 Justice National Sex Offender Public Website;

351 (d) Does not possess a valid driver's license;

352 (e) Does not possess proof of registration for the
353 motor vehicle used to provide prearranged rides;



354 (f) Does not possess proof of automobile liability
355 insurance for the motor vehicle used to provide prearranged rides;
356 or

357 (g) Is not at least nineteen (19) years of age.

358 **SECTION 14.** A transportation network company driver shall
359 not solicit or accept street hails.

360 **SECTION 15.** The transportation network company shall adopt a
361 policy prohibiting solicitation or acceptance of cash payments
362 from riders and notify transportation network company drivers of
363 such policy. Transportation network company drivers shall not
364 solicit or accept cash payments from riders.

365 **SECTION 16.** (1) The transportation network company shall
366 adopt a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of destination,
367 race, color, national origin, religious belief or affiliation,
368 sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity with
369 respect to riders and potential riders and notify transportation
370 network company drivers of such policy.

371 (2) Transportation network company drivers shall comply with
372 all applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination against riders or
373 potential riders on the basis of destination, race, color,
374 national origin, religious belief or affiliation, sex, disability,
375 age, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

376 (3) Transportation network company drivers shall comply with
377 all applicable laws relating to accommodation of service animals.



378 (4) A transportation network company shall not impose
379 additional charges for providing services to persons with physical
380 disabilities because of those disabilities.

381 **SECTION 17.** A transportation network company shall maintain
382 the following customer records:

383 (a) Individual trip records for at least one (1) year
384 from the date each trip was provided; and

385 (b) Individual records of transportation network
386 company driver customers at least until the one (1) year
387 anniversary of the date on which a transportation network company
388 driver's customer relationship with the transportation network
389 company has ended.

390 **SECTION 18.** (1) The commissioner may, from time to time,
391 make an examination into the affairs of any transportation network
392 company licensed under this chapter when the commissioner deems
393 prudent. The expenses of such examination shall be borne and paid
394 by the transportation network company under examination.

395 (2) Documents, materials or other information, including,
396 but not limited to, all working papers, and copies thereof,
397 created, produced or obtained by or disclosed to the commissioner
398 or any other person in the course of an examination made under
399 this chapter shall be confidential by law and privileged, and
400 shall not be subject to the Mississippi Public Records Act of
401 1983. The commissioner is authorized to use the documents,
402 materials or other information in the furtherance of any



403 regulatory or legal action brought as part of the commissioner's
404 official duties.

405 (3) In order to assist in the performance of the
406 commissioner's duties, the commissioner may share documents,
407 materials or other information, including the confidential and
408 privileged documents, materials or information subject to
409 subsection (1) of this section, with other state, federal and
410 international regulatory agencies, and with state, federal and
411 international law enforcement authorities, provided that the
412 recipient agrees to maintain the confidentiality and privileged
413 status of the document, material, communication or other
414 information. The commissioner may enter into agreements governing
415 the sharing and use of information consistent with this paragraph.

416 (4) No waiver of any applicable privilege or claim of
417 confidentiality in the documents, materials or information shall
418 occur as a result of disclosure to the commissioner under this
419 section or as a result of sharing as authorized in subsection (3)
420 of this section.

421 (5) In response to a specific complaint against any
422 transportation network company driver or transportation network
423 company, the Department is authorized to inspect records held by
424 the transportation network company that are necessary to
425 investigate and resolve the complaint.

426 **SECTION 19.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
427 transportation network companies and transportation network



428 company drivers are governed exclusively by this chapter and any
429 rules promulgated by the commissioner consistent with this
430 chapter. A municipality or other local entity may not:

431 (a) Impose a tax on, or require a license for, a
432 transportation network company, a transportation network company
433 driver, or a vehicle used by a transportation network company
434 driver where such tax or licenses relates to providing prearranged
435 rides;

436 (b) Require a transportation network company driver to
437 obtain a business license or any other type of similar
438 authorization to operate within the jurisdiction; or

439 (c) Subject a transportation network company to the
440 municipality or other local entity's rate, entry, operational or
441 other requirements.

442 **SECTION 20.** The commissioner may adopt rules and regulations
443 necessary to ensure compliance with this chapter.

444 **SECTION 21.** Section 77-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
445 amended as follows:

446 77-7-7. Whenever used in this chapter unless expressly
447 stated otherwise:

448 (a) The term "person" means individual, firm,
449 copartnership, corporation, company, association or joint-stock
450 association, and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee or
451 personal representative thereof.



452 (b) The term "commission" means the Public Service
453 Commission of the State of Mississippi.

454 (c) The term "highway" means every public highway or
455 place of whatever nature open to the use of the public for
456 purposes of vehicle travel in this state, including the streets
457 and alleys in towns and cities.

458 (d) The term "motor vehicle" and "vehicle" means any
459 vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer or semitrailer propelled or
460 drawn by mechanical power and used upon the highways in the
461 transportation of passengers or property; such term, however, does
462 not include any vehicle, locomotive or car operated exclusively on
463 a rail or rails.

464 (e) The term "common carrier by motor vehicle" means
465 any person who or which undertakes, whether directly or by a lease
466 or any other arrangement, to transport passengers or household
467 goods, except transportation network company drivers as defined in
468 Section 1 of this act.

469 (f) The term "contract carrier by motor vehicle" means
470 any person, not included under subsection (e) of this section, who
471 or which, under special and individual contracts or agreements,
472 and whether directly or by a lease or any other arrangement,
473 transports passengers or household goods, except transportation
474 network company drivers as defined in Section 1 of this act.

475 (g) The term "restricted motor carrier" means all
476 carriers of property, except household goods, by motor vehicle for



477 compensation, except transportation network company drivers as
478 defined in Section 1 of this act.

479 (h) The "services" and "transportation" to which this
480 chapter applies include all vehicles operated by, for or in the
481 interest of any motor carrier irrespective of ownership or
482 contract, express or implied, together with all facilities and
483 property operated or controlled by any such carrier or carriers
484 and used in the transportation of passengers or property or in the
485 performance of any service in connection therewith.

486 (i) The term "certificate" means a certificate of
487 public convenience and necessity issued by the commission to
488 common carriers by motor vehicle and restricted common carriers by
489 motor vehicle under this chapter.

490 (j) The term "permit" means a permit issued by the
491 commission to contract carriers by motor vehicle under this
492 chapter.

493 (k) The term "interstate permit" means a permit issued
494 under the terms of this chapter to the holder of a certificate of
495 public convenience and necessity, a permit, or other operating
496 authority from the Interstate Commerce Commission.

497 (l) The term "owner" or "operator" and "owner and
498 operator" means any individual, firm, copartnership, corporation,
499 company, association or joint-stock association, and includes any
500 trustee, receiver, assignee or personal representative thereof, to
501 whom or to which a certificate of convenience and necessity or



502 permit or interstate permit has been issued by the Public Service
503 Commission.

504 (m) The term "vanpooling" means a nonprofit arrangement
505 entered into to provide for the transportation of persons to and
506 from their places of employment utilizing a motor vehicle
507 manufactured primarily for the transporting of not less than eight
508 (8) nor more than fifteen (15) people, and where the costs of
509 operating said vehicle, including reasonable vehicle depreciation
510 costs, are paid for by those people utilizing such arrangement.

511 (n) The term "gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR)" means
512 the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a
513 single motor vehicle.

514 (o) The term "gross combination weight rating (GCWR)"
515 means the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight
516 of a combination (articulated) motor vehicle. In the absence of a
517 value specified by the manufacturer, GCWR will be determined by
518 adding the GVWR of the power unit and the total weight of the
519 towed unit and any load thereon.

520 **SECTION 22.** Sections 1 through 20 of this act shall be
521 codified as a new chapter in Title 77, Mississippi Code of 1972.

522 **SECTION 23.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
523 and after July 1, 2016.

