221.84 LIMOUSINE.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Limousine service" means a service that:

- (1) is not provided on a regular route;
- (2) is provided in a luxury passenger automobile that has a seating capacity of not more than 15 persons, including the driver;
 - (3) provides only prearranged pickup; and
 - (4) charges more than a taxicab fare for a comparable trip.
- Subd. 2. **Permit required**; **rules.** (a) No person may operate a for-hire limousine service without a permit from the commissioner.
- (b) The commissioner shall adopt rules governing the issuance of permits for for-hire operation of limousines that include:
 - (1) annual inspections of limousines;
 - (2) driver qualifications, including requiring a criminal history check of drivers;
 - (3) insurance requirements;
- (4) advertising regulation, including requiring a copy of the permit to be carried in the limousine and use of the words "licensed and insured";
 - (5) provisions for agreements with political subdivisions for sharing enforcement costs;
 - (6) issuance of temporary permits and temporary permit fees; and
 - (7) other requirements deemed necessary by the commissioner.
- (c) This section does not apply to limousines operated by persons meeting the definition of private carrier in section 221.012, subdivision 35.
- Subd. 3. **Administrative penalties.** The commissioner may issue an order requiring violations of statutes, rules, and local ordinances governing operation of limousines to be corrected and assessing monetary penalties up to \$1,000. The commissioner may suspend or revoke a permit for violation of applicable statutes and rules and, upon the request of a political subdivision, may immediately suspend a permit for multiple violations of local ordinances. The commissioner shall immediately suspend a permit for failure to maintain required insurance and shall not restore the permit until proof of insurance is provided. A person whose permit is revoked or suspended or who is assessed an administrative penalty may appeal the commissioner's action in a contested case proceeding under chapter 14.
- Subd. 4. **Permit; decal; fees.** (a) The commissioner shall design a distinctive decal to be issued to permit holders under this section. Each decal is valid for one year from the date of issuance. No person may operate a limousine that provides limousine service unless the limousine has such a decal conspicuously displayed.
- (b) The fee for each decal is \$80. The fee for each permit issued under this section is \$150. The commissioner shall deposit all fees under this section in the trunk highway fund.

History: 1991 c 284 s 7; 1992 c 578 s 52; 1997 c 159 art 2 s 38; 2009 c 86 art 1 s 34; 2014 c 175 s 5