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HOUSE BILL 21-1076

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CARPOOLING SERVICE INTERNET APPLICATIONS, AND, IN
102 CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING THAT APPLICATION
103 OWNERS OR OPERATORS REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
104 TRANSPORTATION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the owner or operator of a carpooling service internet application (internet application) to register annually with the department of transportation. Owners or operators are also required to

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disclose to users of the internet application that carpooling service companies are not regulated by the state; that the state does not conduct medical examinations, vehicle inspections, or insurance verification in relation to the provision of carpooling service; and that background checks on drivers might not be conducted. The bill also requires that the amount that can be charged to a user through the internet application be reasonably calculated to cover the direct and indirect costs of providing carpooling service and limits the number of passengers that a driver providing carpooling service through the internet application may transport at any one time.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 43-1-127 as
3 follows:

4 **43-1-127. Registration of carpooling service internet**
5 **applications - limitations - disclosure - definitions.** (1) ON AND AFTER
6 OCTOBER 1, 2021, AN OWNER OF A CARPOOLING SERVICE INTERNET
7 APPLICATION OR AN OPERATOR OF THE APPLICATION ON THE OWNER'S
8 BEHALF SHALL REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS IN
9 A FORM AND MANNER DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE
10 DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH THE FORM AND MANNER OF REGISTERING ON
11 THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC WEBSITE. IN REGISTERING WITH THE
12 DEPARTMENT, THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF AN APPLICATION AGREES
13 THAT THE OWNER OR OPERATOR SHALL:

14 (a) WITH RESPECT TO A SINGLE TRIP FOR WHICH A DRIVER AND
15 USER ARE MATCHED THROUGH THE CARPOOLING SERVICE INTERNET
16 APPLICATION, WHETHER THE TRIP IS ONE WAY OR ROUND TRIP:

17 (I) COMPENSATE THE DRIVER UP TO THE TOTAL RATE OF
18 REIMBURSEMENT BASED ON MILES DRIVEN MULTIPLIED BY THE PREVAILING
19 FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE'S MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE
20 FOR BUSINESS USE;

1 (II) REQUIRE EACH USER TO PAY AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF THE FEE
2 FOR CARPOOLING SERVICE, WHICH FEE SHALL BE REASONABLY
3 CALCULATED TO COVER THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF PROVIDING
4 THE CARPOOLING SERVICE; AND

5 (III) NOT ALLOW A DRIVER WHO PROVIDES CARPOOLING SERVICE
6 FOR THE OWNER'S OR OPERATOR'S CARPOOLING SERVICE INTERNET
7 APPLICATION TO TRANSPORT MORE THAN SIX PASSENGERS, EXCLUDING
8 THE DRIVER, IN THE DRIVER'S PERSONAL VEHICLE; AND

9 (b) DISCLOSE TO USERS IN A CONSPICUOUS MANNER ON THE
10 CARPOOLING SERVICE INTERNET APPLICATION THE FOLLOWING
11 DISCLAIMER:

12 **BE ADVISED THAT CARPOOLING SERVICE COMPANIES ARE**
13 **NOT REGULATED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO.**
14 **BACKGROUND CHECKS MIGHT NOT BE PERFORMED ON**
15 **DRIVERS, DRIVERS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO MEDICAL**
16 **EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATION, VEHICLES ARE NOT**
17 **SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY THE STATE, AND STATE**
18 **INSURANCE VERIFICATION IS NOT PERFORMED.**

19 (2) THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY ACT OR OMISSION OF
20 AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A CARPOOLING SERVICE INTERNET
21 APPLICATION, AN AGENT OF AN OWNER OR OPERATOR, A DRIVER, OR A
22 USER.

23 (3) REIMBURSED COSTS COLLECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
24 SECTION SHALL NOT BE DEEMED COMPENSATION FOR ANY PURPOSE.

25 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
26 REQUIRES:

27 (a) (I) "CARPOOLING SERVICE" MEANS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT

1 ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH TWO OR MORE INDIVIDUALS USE A MOTOR
2 VEHICLE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO, AND POSSIBLY RETURNING FROM, THE
3 SAME DESTINATION OR NEARBY DESTINATIONS.

4 (II) "CARPOOLING SERVICE" DOES NOT INCLUDE A
5 TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENT MADE WITH:

6 (A) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-1-202
7 (2);

8 (B) A COMMON CARRIER, CONTRACT CARRIER, TAXICAB SERVICE,
9 LARGE-MARKET TAXICAB SERVICE, OR TOWING CARRIER, AS THOSE TERMS
10 ARE DEFINED IN SECTION 40-10.1-101;

11 (C) A CHARTER BUS, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BUS, FIRE CREW
12 TRANSPORT, LUXURY LIMOUSINE SERVICE, MEDICAID CLIENT TRANSPORT,
13 OR OFF-ROAD SCENIC CHARTER, AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN SECTION
14 40-10.1-301; OR

15 (D) A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY, AS DEFINED IN
16 SECTION 40-10.1-602 (3).

17 (b) "CARPOOLING SERVICE INTERNET APPLICATION" OR
18 "APPLICATION" MEANS AN INTERNET APPLICATION OR DIGITAL NETWORK
19 USED TO CONNECT DRIVERS AND USERS:

20 (I) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING CARPOOLING SERVICE; AND

21 (II) THROUGH WHICH RESERVATIONS FOR CARPOOLING SERVICE
22 ARE USUALLY MADE AT LEAST ONE DAY IN ADVANCE OF THE CARPOOLING
23 SERVICE.

24 (c) "DRIVER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO USES THE INDIVIDUAL'S
25 PERSONAL VEHICLE TO PROVIDE CARPOOLING SERVICES TO USERS
26 THROUGH USE OF A CARPOOLING SERVICE INTERNET APPLICATION.

27 (d) "USER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS MATCHED WITH A

1 DRIVER THROUGH A CARPOOLING SERVICE INTERNET APPLICATION TO
2 RECEIVE CARPOOLING SERVICE FOR THE USER AND FOR ANY OTHER
3 PASSENGERS IN THE USER'S PARTY.

4 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.