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Part I

Definitions

Sec. 16-325-1. Definitions

As used in sections 16-325-1 to 16-325-25, inclusive, “commission” means the public utilities commission of the state of Connecticut;

“permit holder” means a holder of a permit issued by the commission authorizing the operation of livery service;

“headquarters” means an office where

(1) records of the permit holder’s business are handled and kept, and

(2) the permit holder or his employee is in attendance to dispatch motor vehicles used in livery service, and

(3) telephone service is maintained in the name of the permit holder;

“bus” means a motor vehicle used in livery service having a capacity of ten or more adults but shall not include a school bus or a sedan type bus,

“school bus” means school bus as defined by section 14-275 of the general statutes and used in livery service; and

“general livery service authority” means authority for all types of livery transportation service.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Part II

Operations

Sec. 16-325-2. Transfer of permit

No livery permit may be transferred until

(1) application for such transfer has been made to the commission on the prescribed form;

(2) the permit holder has demonstrated that he is performing service with reasonable frequency and continuity;

(3) the transferee if an individual, or all corporate officers, if a corporation, have demonstrated fitness and propriety to perform livery service; and

(4) the commission has approved the transfer and has reissued the permit in the name of the transferee.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-3. Notice of change of address

Each permit holder shall notify the commission in writing within forty-eight hours of

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any change of business address.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-4. Change of location outside city or town

A permit holder shall not change the location of his headquarters to a point outside the city or town specified in his permit without prior commission approval.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-5. Information supplied and records available to authority

Permit holders shall maintain their accounts in sufficient detail to readily furnish to the authority, upon request, reports of their financial condition and the results of their operations. All books, records, vouchers, memoranda and other papers relating to the business of the permit holder shall be maintained and available for examination by the authority for a minimum for two years.

(Effective October 5, 1976)

Sec. 16-325-6. Requirements re drivers

(a) Each permit holder shall ascertain that each driver in his employment holds a public service operator's license and is fully instructed regarding Connecticut motor vehicle and livery laws and pertinent regulations.

(b) Each permit holder shall ascertain that each driver of vehicles used in school service is fully instructed regarding regulations governing school busses.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-7. Rates

Each permit holder shall maintain on file with the commission an exact schedule of all rates and charges for livery service. All livery service shall be rendered only under such rates and charges as are on file with the commission. All rates shall be calculated from the carrier's headquarters. Said schedule of rates and charges shall not be altered without prior commission approval. In localities regularly served by taxicabs, permit holders shall charge a minimum rate of one dollar per trip, and shall not charge a rate less than the prevailing taxicab fare for comparable service. Rates charged for busses and school busses shall not be less than the following minimum rates per mile:

<i>Adult Seating Capacity</i>	<i>Rate Per Mile</i>	
	<i>With Load</i>	<i>Without Load</i>
20	\$0.25	\$0.125
32	0.40	0.20
40	0.50	0.25

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Proportionate minimum rates shall be charged for busses and school busses having different seating capacities from the foregoing.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-8. Limitation on number of vehicles operated

A permit holder who desires to operate a greater number of vehicles in livery service than authorized may make application to the Division, in which application the permit holder shall state the number of additional vehicles desired, and the reasons and causes applicable to public convenience and necessity for the additional service sought.

A copy of said application shall be provided by the applicant to the Commissioner of Transportation, the mayor of each city, the warden of each borough or town or the first selectman, and any common carrier within the territory specified. Upon filing said application with the division, the permit holder must, within ten (10) days, publish in a newspaper or newspapers having circulation in the territory specified, a notice of the application.

In the absence of any written opposition, after a period of thirty (30) days of the filing of said application, the Division may grant an uncontested application at a regularly scheduled public hearing on all uncontested applications then pending, which hearing will be held at the offices of the Division at 10:00 a.m., on the second Wednesday of every other month, said hearing to commence upon acceptance of these regulations by the Secretary of the State, in accordance with section 4-172 of the Connecticut General Statutes. In any case wherein the Division receives written opposition to the application, the Division shall schedule a special public hearing to be held on that contested application and shall make public notice of the pendency of said contested application as required by law.

(Effective January 14, 1980)

Sec. 16-325-9. Vehicles to be approved by commission

No motor vehicle shall be placed into livery service for the first time until the commission has approved the use of such vehicle in livery service. Motor vehicles which have been removed from livery service for a period of six months or more shall be approved by the commission prior to reuse in livery service.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-10. Use of school bus in adult service

School busses shall not be used in adult livery service unless patrons seeking livery service are informed in advance that

(1) school busses will be furnished and

(2) school busses afford restricted accommodations with respect to seating and other facilities in contrast to conventional busses and such patrons indicate that they are agreeable to accept school busses.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Part III

Inspection and Equipment

Sec. 16-325-11. General construction and equipment requirements

Construction and equipment, including but not limited to brakes, tires, lights, electrical systems, and all other equipment of vehicles used in livery service, shall conform with the general statutes and requirements and regulations of the department of motor vehicles.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-12. Doors. Emergency opening device

(a) Each entrance and service door of a bus shall have a minimum horizontal clearance of twenty-four inches and minimum vertical clearance of seventy-two inches.

(b) Every new bus placed into livery service following August 24, 1965, equipped with an air or vacuum operated entrance door, except a bus having two operable service doors on the same side, shall have an easily accessible emergency opening device located adjacent to the entrance door. This device shall be identified and instruction for its use shall be posted on or adjacent to the door.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-13. Longitudinal aisle

All equipment purchased on or after January 1, 1977, must have minimum headroom of seventy-four inches and a minimum aisle width of fourteen inches. Vehicles presently registered in livery service with twelve inch aisles and seventy-two inch head room may remain in service until retired or replaced.

(Effective October 5, 1976)

Sec. 16-325-14. Seats

(a) Each bus seat shall provide a minimum seating space of sixteen inches per adult passenger, except school buses and/or school bus type vehicles, which shall have all seats facing forward and each bus seat shall provide a minimum seating space of fifteen inches per passenger,

(b) Bus cross seats shall provide a minimum clearance at the knee level of twenty-four inches in front of the back cushion.

(c) No bus seat shall be located so that a passenger occupying such seat would be forward of the driver.

(Effective October 5, 1976)

Sec. 16-325-15. Heaters

Each vehicle shall have facilities such as hot water heaters, or other types of heaters approved by the National Board of Fire Underwriters Laboratories, to adequately heat and ventilate the entire passenger carrying space used. Heating systems shall be designed to

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prevent fumes from entering the bus body and all fuel line connections shall be located outside of the passenger compartment.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-16. Rail behind driver

Each bus, except a sedan type bus, shall be equipped with a horizontal rail located behind the driver designed to prevent interference by passengers.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-17. Display of name of permit holder and identifying number

(a) The exact name of the permit holder shall be displayed in horizontal form on each side of the exterior of every bus in clearly visible and legible letters, at least four inches high.

(b) An identifying number shall be conspicuously lettered on the exterior front, rear and sides, and on the interior front above the windshield of every bus in clearly visible and legible letters at least four inches high.

(Effective October 5, 1976)

Sec. 16-325-18. Display of seating capacity

The seating capacity shall be displayed on each bus at the rear of the entrance door, near the bottom of the window, in visible letters and numbers not less than one and one-half inches high.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-19. Emergency equipment

(a) Each bus, except a sedan type bus, shall contain suitable hand tools in a visible and accessible location for emergency purposes.

(b) Each bus, including a sedan type bus, shall contain a first aid kit, flares, flaring candles or torches, and a fire extinguisher of a type and size approved by the department of motor vehicles. Such equipment shall be in a visible and accessible location and maintained in serviceable condition.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-20. Speed-indicating device

Each vehicle used in intercity or interstate service shall have an effective speed-indicating device, located within easy view of the driver.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-21. Mirrors

Each bus shall have a mirror which shows the operator the bus interior. Each bus equipped with a side exit door shall have a suitable mirror or mirrors which show the driver each side

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service door and step-well.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-22. Steps and hand rails

Each step-well on a bus shall have step surfaces constructed of slip resistant material. Adequate hand rails shall be provided.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-23. Emergency exits. Doors

(a) In addition to the door or doors used for normal entrance and exit, emergency exits on buses, except sedan type buses, shall be provided for by either an emergency door or by push-out windows as prescribed in the authority's regulations for motor buses.

(b) The emergency door of each bus shall be connected with a distinctive audible signal and red indicator light, mounted over door so as to be visible to the driver, which operates when the emergency door is partially unlatched or when the operating bar or handle is moved. This signal shall not be connected with any other circuit and only the door switch shall be in the circuit.

(c) Sedan type buses shall have a minimum of four doors.

(d) Sedan type buses shall have a door on each side of each seat, with a distinctive signal connected to each door which will alert the operator whenever any door is unlatched or open. A protective covering, extending from six inches below to twelve above the top of the back of the seat, shall be provided over the hinged portion of each door jamb.

(e) Station wagons and suburban type vehicles shall have doors on each side of each seat, or shall have at least two doors, one of which will be on each side of the vehicle, with an unobstructed aisle leading from the door on the right-hand side of the vehicles to each passenger seat.

(f) School buses having an emergency door in the rear, shall offer clear access to such door from the last two rows of seats. The emergency door shall be so marked on the inside in letters at least 2 inches high to indicate location of door and direction of movement of handle or other device to open the door. Such buses shall have at least two push-out type windows on each side of the bus and shall be properly marked in letters at least 1½" high: EMERGENCY EXIT, PUSH-OUT AT BOTTOM.

(Effective October 5, 1976)

Sec. 16-325-24. Interior illumination

Adequate illumination shall be provided in the interior of all vehicles, including step-well areas.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-25. Noncomplying vehicles excluded from service

Vehicles that do not comply with the provisions of sections 16-325-1 to 16-325-24,

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inclusive, and with accepted standards of safety and passenger convenience, shall not be used in livery service.

(Effective August 24, 1965)

Sec. 16-325-26. Repeal of prior dockets

Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 5983, Docket No. 6300 and Docket No. 6700, and all amendments thereto, pertaining to livery service, are repealed.

(Effective August 24, 1965)