

HCS HB 130 -- TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES (Mathews)

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This bill outlines the new regulatory treatment of transportation network companies (TNCs).

The bill further provides that, beginning April 28, 2018, a TNC will apply for an annual permit from the Department of Revenue to do business within the State of Missouri, and maintain the insurance coverage requirements provided. Criteria for fare charges and customer receipts are specified in the bill.

The bill specifies what information and display a TNC shall display on its software application or website and vehicles.

A TNC will be required to conduct a local and national criminal background check for each applicant to act as a driver. Drivers shall be independent contractors and not employees of the transportation network company if specific conditions are met. TNCs shall also adopt nondiscrimination and privacy policies with respect to their riders. All vehicles used to provide prearranged rides must meet inspection requirements.

A municipality or other local or state entity cannot impose a tax on or require a license relating to providing prearranged rides for a TNC or its drivers or vehicles. This exemption does not apply to state income tax or earnings taxes.

This bill authorizes Kansas City to audit a TNC, no more than twice a year, to ensure compliance with the provisions of this bill. Each licensed TNC may be charged for the costs of the audit, not to exceed \$5,000 per year. If any violations are discovered, Kansas City can fine the TNC up to \$500 per violation.

If a TNC learns that a TNC driver has been convicted of an offense that would preclude the driver from being eligible as a TNC driver under this bill, the TNC shall immediately revoke the driver's ability to accept trip requests and notify the Department of Revenue. A TNC shall also report to the Department any TNC driver involved in a traffic accident or incident that resulted in serious bodily injury or fatality. The department shall have to implement a process to provide such information to all other TNCs in this state.