

HB 2330 -- TRANSPORTATION

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This bill outlines the new regulatory treatment of transportation network companies (TNCs), providing that the provisions within the bill exclusively govern TNCs. It provides that TNCs are not common carriers or for-hire vehicle services, and that TNCs are not required to register any vehicle a driver may use to provide prearranged rides.

The bill further provides that, beginning August 28, 2016, a TNC will apply for an annual permit from the Department or Revenue to do business within the state of Missouri, and maintain the insurance coverage requirements provided.

A TNC driver or the TNC company, on the driver's behalf, is required to maintain primary automobile insurance coverage as specified in the bill. The policy of insurance must recognize that the driver uses the vehicle to transport riders for compensation while logged onto the TNC's digital network.

The company is required to notify a TNC driver of the insurance coverage provided by the TNC and to also notify a driver that his or her own personal automobile insurance policy may not provide coverage because the driver uses a vehicle in connection with the TNC service.

Automobile insurers in Missouri may exclude or limit any and all insurance coverage provided to owner's or operator's of personal vehicles while logged into a TNC's digital network for the purpose of transporting persons or property for compensation.

A TNC company will not allow anyone to act as a TNC driver if he or she has more than three moving violations or one major violation in the past three years, has been convicted of any enumerated crimes in the past seven years, is on the National Sex Offender Registry, does not possess a driver's license, does not have proof of vehicle registration or automobile liability insurance, or is not at least 19 years old.

This bill is similar to HB 1563 (2015).