

Motor Vehicle Advisory

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TO: All Law Enforcement Officials
FROM: Raymond P. Martinez, Chairman and Chief Administrator
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SUBJECT: **PVT Initiative**

In an effort to better identify certain types of commercial vehicles and the type of service they are authorized to perform, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will begin on July 1, 2014 issuing seven (7) new types of vehicle plates and simplifying the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity process for the commercial bus community. The new plates and process are being referred to as the PVT Initiative.

These new plate designations will be flat and will begin with the letter "O," designating them as Omnibuses.

The second character will indicate the type of service they will be providing, such as "A" for Ambulance, "H" for Hotel Bus, "J" for Jitney, "M" for Mobility Assistance Vehicle, "2" for Omnibus 2, "P" for Paratransit and "T" for Taxicab. The remaining four characters can be a combination of alpha and numeric characters.

Examples of the new plates are contained in Exhibit A and the definition of each vehicle type is as follows:

Ambulances are any vehicles that are licensed as basic life support ambulances by the New Jersey Department of Health in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:40 or any ambulance of a volunteer first aid, rescue or ambulance squad that has been certified as qualified for emergency medical service programs in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:5F-27.

Hotel Buses are used exclusively to transport clients to or from a hotel and a transportation hub such as an airport, train station or bus terminal.

Jitneys are automobiles or motor buses with a carrying capacity of not more than 13 passengers, operated under municipal consent upon a route established wholly within the limits of a single

municipality or with a carrying capacity of not more than 20 passengers operated under municipal consent upon a route established wholly within the limit of not more than four contiguous municipalities within any county of the fifth or sixth class, which route in either case does not, in whole or in part, parallel upon the same line of any street railway or traction railway or any other autobus route.

Mobility Assistance Vehicles are specialized transport vehicles that are validly licensed by the Department of Health and are operated in accordance with the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 8:40.

Omnibus 2 Vehicles are motor vehicles operated by a company or individual that provides passenger transportation to a target audience or market that is not in competition with a publicly regulated transit route or does not collect fares from the general public.

Paratransit Vehicles are motor vehicles which are used exclusively for the transportation of persons who are at least 60 years of age or who have disabilities or who are the clients of social service agencies provided the motor vehicle is used in a service, the service is provided by a county either directly or by contract, or provided by a non-profit organization, and the service is included by a county as part of its county plan, as required by N.J.S.A. 27:25-30, regardless of whether a fare is charged or a donation is accepted.

Taxicabs are any automobiles or motor cars engaged in the business of carrying passengers for hire which are held out, announced or advertised to operate or run or which are operated or run over any streets or public highways of this state, and particularly accept and discharge such persons as may offer themselves for transportation from points or places to points or places within or without the state.

It is important to note that these vehicles do not have to complete the change in their registration until July 1, 2015 and that they must be inspected annually for mechanical defects and emissions at either an inspection station or private inspection facility.

Questions about the PVT Initiative can be directed to the MVC's Division of Inspection Services at 609-633-9460. Information regarding this initiative can also be found at www.njmvc.gov/pvtandyou



Exhibit A