

**SENATE BILL No. 186**

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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1 AN ACT regulating traffic; relating to transportation network companies,  
2 transportation network company services, regulation.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas  
6 transportation network company services act.

7 Sec. 2. Except as otherwise provided, as used in the Kansas  
8 transportation network company services act:

9 (a) "Act" means the Kansas transportation network company services  
10 act.

11 (b) "Transportation network company" or "TNC" shall mean an entity  
12 licensed pursuant to the provisions of this act and operating in Kansas that  
13 uses a digital network or software application service to connect  
14 passengers to TNC services provided by TNC drivers. A TNC is not  
15 deemed to own, control, operate or manage the vehicles used by TNC  
16 drivers, and is not a taxicab association or a for-hire vehicle owner.

17 (c) "Transportation network company (TNC) driver" shall mean an  
18 individual who operates a motor vehicle that is:

- 19 (1) Owned, leased or otherwise authorized for use by the individual;  
20 (2) not a taxicab or for-hire vehicle; and  
21 (3) used to provide transportation network company services.

22 (d) "Transportation network company (TNC) services" shall mean  
23 transportation of a passenger between points chosen by the passenger and  
24 prearranged with a TNC driver through the use of a TNC digital network  
25 or software application. TNC services shall begin when a TNC driver  
26 accepts a request for transportation received through the TNC's digital  
27 network or software application service, continue while the TNC driver  
28 transports the passenger in the TNC driver's vehicle, and end when the  
29 passenger exits the TNC driver's vehicle. TNC service is not a taxicab, for-  
30 hire vehicle or street hail service.

31 Sec. 3. Transportation network companies or TNC drivers shall not be  
32 considered motor carriers, private motor carriers or public motor carriers  
33 of passengers as those terms are defined in K.S.A. 66-1,108, and  
34 amendments thereto, nor determined to provide taxicab or for-hire vehicle  
35 service so long as such TNC or TNC driver meets the requirements of this  
36 act. In addition, a TNC driver shall not be required to register the vehicle

1 such driver uses for TNC services as a commercial or for-hire vehicle.

2 Sec. 4. (a) A person shall not operate a TNC in Kansas without first  
3 having obtained a permit from the state corporation commission.

4 (b) The state corporation commission shall issue a permit to each  
5 applicant that meets the requirements for a TNC set forth in this act, and  
6 pays an annual permit fee of \$5,000 to the commission.

7 Sec. 5. The TNC must maintain an agent for service of process in the  
8 state of Kansas.

9 Sec. 6. A TNC may charge a fare for the services provided to  
10 passengers, provided that, if a fare is charged, the TNC shall disclose to  
11 passengers the fare calculation method on its website or within the  
12 software application service. The TNC shall also provide passengers with  
13 the applicable rates being charged and the option to receive an estimated  
14 fare before the passenger enters the TNC driver's vehicle.

15 Sec. 7. The TNC's software application or website shall display a  
16 picture of the TNC driver, and the license plate number of the motor  
17 vehicle utilized for providing the TNC service before the passenger enters  
18 the TNC driver's vehicle.

19 Sec. 8. Within a reasonable period of time following the completion  
20 of a trip, a TNC shall transmit an electronic receipt to the passenger that  
21 lists:

- 22 (a) The origin and destination of the trip;
- 23 (b) the total time and distance of the trip; and
- 24 (c) an itemization of the total fare paid, if any.

25 Sec. 9. (a) On and after July 1, 2015, TNCs and TNC drivers shall  
26 comply with the automobile liability insurance requirements of this  
27 section.

28 (b) The following automobile liability insurance requirements shall  
29 apply during the time that a TNC driver is logged into the TNC's digital  
30 network and is available to receive requests for transportation but is not  
31 providing TNC services:

32 (1) Automobile liability insurance that meets at least the minimum  
33 coverage requirements pursuant to K.S.A. 40-3107(e) and K.S.A. 40-284,  
34 and amendments thereto; and

35 (2) automobile liability insurance that meets the minimum coverage  
36 requirements where required by K.S.A. 40-3107(f), and amendments  
37 thereto.

38 Automobile liability insurance in the amounts required in paragraph (1)  
39 shall be maintained by a TNC and provide coverage in the event a  
40 participating TNC driver's own automobile liability policy excludes  
41 coverage according to its policy terms or does not provide coverage of at  
42 least the limits required in paragraph (1).

43 (c) The following automobile liability insurance requirements shall

1 apply while a TNC driver is providing TNC services:

- 2 (1) Provides primary automobile liability insurance that recognizes  
3 the TNC driver's provision of TNC services;  
4 (2) provides automobile liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 for  
5 death, personal injury and property damage;  
6 (3) provides automobile liability insurance that meets the minimum  
7 coverage requirements where required by K.S.A. 40-3107(f), and  
8 amendments thereto; and  
9 (4) provides uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage that meets  
10 the minimum coverage requirements where required by K.S.A. 40-284,  
11 and amendments thereto.

12 The coverage requirements of this subsection may be satisfied by any  
13 of the following:

- 14 (A) Automobile liability insurance maintained by the TNC driver;  
15 (B) automobile liability insurance maintained by the TNC; or  
16 (C) any combination of (A) and (B).  
17 (d) In every instance where insurance maintained by a TNC driver to  
18 fulfill the insurance requirements of this section has lapsed, failed to  
19 provide the required coverage, denied a claim for the required coverage or  
20 otherwise ceased to exist, insurance maintained by a TNC shall provide  
21 the coverage required by this section beginning with the first dollar of a  
22 claim.  
23 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, insurance required by  
24 this section may be placed with an insurer authorized to do business in the  
25 state or with a surplus lines insurer eligible under K.S.A. 40-246b, and  
26 amendments thereto.  
27 (f) Insurance required by this section shall be deemed to satisfy the  
28 financial responsibility requirement for a motor vehicle under the Kansas  
29 automobile injury reparations act, K.S.A. 40-3101, et seq., and  
30 amendments thereto.

31 Sec. 10. (a) The TNC shall disclose in writing to TNC drivers the  
32 following before they are allowed to accept a request for TNC services on  
33 the TNC's digital network:

- 34 (1) The insurance coverage and limits of liability that the TNC  
35 provides while the TNC driver uses a personal vehicle in connection with  
36 a TNC's digital network; and  
37 (2) that the TNC driver's own insurance policy may not provide  
38 coverage while the TNC driver uses a vehicle in connection with a TNC's  
39 digital network, depending on its terms.  
40 (b) Insurers that write automobile liability insurance in Kansas may:  
41 (1) Exclude any and all coverage and the duty to defend afforded  
42 under the owner's insurance policy for any loss or injury that occurs while  
43 an insured vehicle provides or is available to provide TNC services,

1 provided such exclusion is expressly set forth in the policy and approved  
2 for sale in Kansas. This right to exclude coverage and the duty to  
3 indemnify and defend may apply to any coverage included in an  
4 automobile liability insurance policy, including, but not limited to:

- 5 (A) Liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage;
- 6 (B) uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage;
- 7 (C) medical payments coverage;
- 8 (D) comprehensive physical damage coverage;
- 9 (E) collision physical damage coverage; and
- 10 (F) personal injury protection coverage.

11 The insurer must notify an insured after receiving a notice of loss  
12 within the time required by K.S.A. 40-2404(9), and amendments thereto,  
13 that the insurer has no duty to defend or indemnify any person or  
14 organization for liability for a loss that is properly excluded pursuant to the  
15 terms of the applicable primary or excess insurance policy.

16 (c) An insurer that writes automobile liability insurance in Kansas  
17 must disclose on its application for insurance, in a prominent place,  
18 whether or not the insurance policy provides coverage while an insured  
19 vehicle provides or is available to provide TNC services. If an automobile  
20 liability insurance policy contains an exclusion for TNC services, the  
21 insurer or its agent must disclose in writing the exact language of such  
22 exclusion to the applicant during the application process.

23 (d) In a claims coverage investigation, TNCs and any insurer  
24 providing coverage under section 9, and amendments thereto, shall  
25 cooperate to facilitate the exchange of information, including the precise  
26 times that a TNC driver logged on and off of the TNC's digital network in  
27 the 24-hour period immediately preceding the accident and disclose to one  
28 another a clear description of the coverage, exclusions and limits provided  
29 under any insurance policy each party issued or maintained.

30 Sec. 11. (a) The TNC shall implement a zero tolerance policy on the  
31 use of drugs or alcohol while a TNC driver is providing TNC services or is  
32 logged into the TNC's digital network but is not providing TNC services,  
33 and shall provide notice of this policy on its website, as well as procedures  
34 to report a complaint about a driver with whom a passenger was matched  
35 and whom the passenger reasonably suspects was under the influence of  
36 drugs or alcohol during the course of the trip.

37 (b) Upon receipt of such passenger complaint alleging a violation of  
38 the zero tolerance policy, the TNC shall immediately suspend such TNC  
39 driver's access to the TNC's digital platform and shall conduct an  
40 investigation into the reported incident. The suspension shall last the  
41 duration of the investigation.

42 (c) The TNC shall maintain records relevant to the enforcement of  
43 this requirement for a period of at least two years from the date that a

1 passenger complaint is received by the TNC.

2 Sec. 12. (a) Prior to permitting an individual to act as a TNC driver on  
3 its digital platform, the TNC shall:

4 (1) Require the individual to submit an application to the TNC, which  
5 includes information regarding the applicant's address, age, driver's  
6 license, driving history, motor vehicle registration, automobile liability  
7 insurance and other information required by the TNC;

8 (2) conduct, or have a third party conduct, a local and national  
9 criminal background check for each applicant that shall include:

10 (A) Multi-state/multi-jurisdiction criminal records locator or other  
11 similar commercial nationwide database with validation (primary source  
12 search); and

13 (B) national sex offender registry database; and

14 (3) obtain and review a driving history research report for such  
15 individual.

16 (b) The TNC shall not permit an individual to act as a TNC driver on  
17 its digital platform who:

18 (1) Has had more than three moving violations in the prior three-year  
19 period, or one major violation in the prior three-year period, including, but  
20 not limited to, attempting to evade the police, reckless driving, or driving  
21 on a suspended or revoked license;

22 (2) has been convicted, within the past seven years, of driving under  
23 the influence of drugs or alcohol, fraud, sexual offenses, use of a motor  
24 vehicle to commit a felony, a crime involving property damage, or theft,  
25 acts of violence, or acts of terror;

26 (3) is a match in the national sex offender registry database;

27 (4) does not possess a valid driver's license;

28 (5) does not possess proof of registration for the motor vehicle or  
29 motor vehicles used to provide TNC services;

30 (6) does not possess proof of automobile liability insurance for the  
31 motor vehicle or motor vehicles used to provide TNC services; or

32 (7) is not at least 19 years of age.

33 Sec. 13. The TNC shall require that any motor vehicle that a TNC  
34 driver will use to provide TNC services meets the equipment requirements  
35 applicable to private motor vehicles under article 17 of chapter 8 of the  
36 Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

37 Sec. 14. A TNC driver shall only provide TNC services and shall not  
38 solicit or accept street hails.

39 Sec. 15. The TNC shall adopt a policy prohibiting solicitation or  
40 acceptance of cash payments from passengers and notify TNC drivers of  
41 such policy. TNC drivers shall not solicit or accept cash payments from  
42 passengers. Any payment for TNC services shall be made only  
43 electronically using the TNC's digital network or software application.

1       Sec. 16. (a) The TNC shall adopt a policy of non-discrimination with  
2 respect to passengers and potential passengers and notify TNC drivers of  
3 such policy.

4       (b) TNC drivers shall comply with all applicable laws regarding non-  
5 discrimination against passengers or potential passengers.

6       (c) TNC drivers shall comply with all applicable laws relating to  
7 accommodation of service animals.

8       (d) A TNC shall not impose additional charges for providing services  
9 to persons with physical disabilities because of those disabilities.

10       (e) A TNC shall provide passengers an opportunity to indicate  
11 whether they require a wheelchair-accessible vehicle. If a TNC cannot  
12 arrange wheelchair-accessible TNC service in any instance, it shall direct  
13 the passenger to an alternate provider of wheelchair-accessible service, if  
14 available.

15       Sec. 17. A TNC shall maintain:

16       (a) Individual trip records for at least one year from the date each trip  
17 was provided; and

18       (b) TNC driver records at least until the one-year anniversary of the  
19 date on which a TNC driver's activation on the TNC digital network has  
20 ended.

21       Sec. 18. A TNC shall not disclose a passenger's personally  
22 identifiable information to a third party unless: (a) The passenger consents  
23 or disclosure is required by a legal obligation; or (b) disclosure is required  
24 to protect or defend the terms of use of the service or to investigate  
25 violations of those terms. In addition to the foregoing, a TNC shall be  
26 permitted to share a passenger's name or telephone number with the TNC  
27 driver providing TNC services to such passenger in order to facilitate  
28 correct identification of the passenger by the TNC driver, or to facilitate  
29 communication between the passenger and the TNC driver.

30       Sec. 19. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, TNCs and TNC  
31 drivers are governed exclusively by this act and any rules promulgated by  
32 the commission consistent with this act. No municipality or other local  
33 entity may impose a tax on, or require a license for, a TNC, a TNC driver,  
34 or a vehicle used by a TNC driver where such tax or licenses relate to  
35 providing TNC services, or subject a TNC to the municipality or other  
36 local entity's rate, entry, operational or other requirements.

37       Sec. 20. The state corporation commission shall have the power to  
38 adopt all rules and regulations specifically necessary to enforce the  
39 provisions of this act.

40       Sec. 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
41 publication in the statute book.