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# *Passenger Transportation Amendment Act*



## Key Principles

- Enable regulatory framework for ride-hailing
- Ensure safety
- Establish a system which allows for existing industry and new entrants
- Reduce regulatory overlap and burden
- Enhance compliance and enforcement
- Protect accessible services

# Legislative Framework

## Amendments to the following 8 statutes:

1. *Passenger Transportation Act*
2. *Insurance (Vehicle) Act*
3. *Insurance Corporation Act*
4. *Local Government Act*
5. *Community Charter*
6. *Vancouver Charter*
7. *Motor Vehicle Act*
8. *Commercial Transport Act*

# Key definitions in Legislation

## 1. Passenger Directed Vehicle (PDV):

- All Vehicles for hire (e.g. taxis, ride-hailing)

## 2. Transportation Network Services (TNS):

- App based ride hailing service

# Overview of the Bill

## 1. Expanding Passenger Transportation Board Authority to consider TNS applications and grant licence. PT Board continues as provincial regulator to:

- Apply three part test: Fit and Proper to provide service, is there a public need and promotes sound economic conditions
- Set supply, operating areas and rates
- Other terms and conditions for licensees such as data requirement and information on trips provided under the licence

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## 2. Legislative Committee to be appointed

On or before January 1, 2022 to review:

- Adequacy of supply of PDVs (including accessible PDVs)
- Effectiveness in providing adequate supply of PDVs
- Extent to which the Act promotes employment in the PDV and TNS sector.
- Impacts of PDVs on public transportation, traffic congestion, and the environment
- Extent to which changes promote PDVs to operate in small, rural or remote communities

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### **3. Taxi and TNS licence holders will ensure drivers meet prescribed record check requirements**

- Eliminates the need for taxi and future drivers to obtain Municipal Chauffeur Permit in each municipality
- Closes gaps on current regime ensuring every driver in the province will require record checks including criminal record check and drivers abstract

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## 4. Updated Administrative Penalties and Offenses

- Current maximum administrative monetary penalty for licensees is \$1500. Raising to \$50,000
- Current maximum fine for an offence is \$5000, whether for an individual or other 'person'. Raising to \$100,000 for corporation or limited liability company that commits an offence and key for enforcing against non-licence holders



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### 5. Legislation proposes a definition of “accessible passenger directed vehicle” and enabling authority to charge per-trip fees

- Require new entrant annual licence fee to cover some portion of costs to fund accessible taxi service, as well as administrative costs of the PTA regime
- Existing industry would pay existing fees for a fixed period before transitioning over to new fee structure
- Require a licence holder or driver to complete a specified education/training program

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## 6. Local Government Legislation

- Clarifies the exclusive jurisdiction of the Passenger Transportation Board in determining supply and boundary/operating area
- Local governments will retain authority over business licences and street and traffic by-laws, for example setting vehicle type requirements or taxi stand locations

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## 7. Insurance Related Amendments

- Provides ICBC with authority to develop new insurance products for vehicles under a PTA licence
- Supports insurance solutions for other new emerging vehicle services

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## 8. Amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act

- Aligns with amendments to local government legislation to restrict the authority of municipal governments to limit supply or operating areas of PDVs that the PT Board has approved

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## 9. Commercial Transport Act

- Amendments to ensure that vehicles currently registered and licensed under the MVA and operate for a TNS can remain registered and licensed under the Motor Vehicle Act.