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## New Jersey Assembly Transportation Committee Votes Out Substitute TNC Bill

Action by the New Jersey Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee at its much-awaited December 11 hearing merged seven bills, including a watered-down version of LANJ's proposed Assembly Bill 3401, into one substitution, which calls for TNCs to insure drivers and their cars for the full times they are on the clock and makes TNCs responsible for background checks of the drivers and safety inspections of their private vehicles. While the "combined" bill did move out of the Assembly committee, it remains to be seen if it will make it to the Assembly floor and/or if a comparable bill will progress to the New Jersey Senate.

Hence, the Limousine Associations of New Jersey fight on this issue continues with a great deal of work still to be done to achieve goal. "This substitute bill is NOT the answer for assuring the public's safety — our tantamount objective," says LANJ vice president and Legislative Committee chair Jeff Shanker. Rather, he explains, "The State of New Jersey police should be conducting full background checks with fingerprinting for TNC drivers and the TNCs themselves should be required to have full-time commercial insurance coverage."

LANJ members soon will be requested to make personal appeals to their own legislators to bring TNCs in line with the regulations traditional chauffeured transportation companies abide by every day. Additionally, immediately following the New Year holiday, LANJ leaders will schedule as many one-on-one meetings with key lawmakers and staff members in Trenton as needed for this same all-important purpose.

### Plan to Attend Next LANJ General Meeting in Princeton on January 21

Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend the next Limousine Associations of New Jersey general meeting which will be held on Wednesday January 21 (12 PM - 2 PM) at the NJHA Conference and Event Center on Alexander Road in Princeton. An Evite will be sent to each and every LANJ member during the first week of January. Watch for it and RSVP "Yes!"

### Before 2014 Gets Away, Have You...???

# \* Verified Your CDL Drivers Comply with New Federal Medical Examiner Reporting Requirements

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC) is implementing a process that will enable chauffeured transportation companies to verify if their drivers with a CDL have complied with new

federal medical examiner reporting requirements.

# To get the necessary information for this, contact the LANJ member services office at patricia.nelson103@gmail.com.

By return email you will receive a report to be completed and sent to the NJMVC. The drivers listed on your report will be checked for compliance and the report will be returned to you with indication of each driver's status. Additional instructions on how to ensure your chauffeurs get entered into the medical certification system will be provided when the report is returned.

## \* Checked for Your Eligibility to 2015 NLA/LCT Scholarship Program

If you are an operator who has at least one vehicle, been in business for no more than five years, have required local/state/federal licensing and proper insurance, work chauffeured transportation service as your primary business and have never attended the International LCT Show in any capacity previously, you may be eligible for the 2015 NLA/LCT Scholarship Program.

The 2015 NLA/LCT Scholarship is valued at more than \$1,200 and includes one full registration for the 2015 International LCT Show (being held on March 16-18 at The Venetian in Las Vegas), three paid hotel nights and 2015 NLA membership (for recipients not already NLA members).

To receive a scholarship application, contact the LANJ member services office at <a href="mailto:patricia.nelson103@gmail.com">patricia.nelson103@gmail.com</a> by December 31, 2014. You then will need to complete and return your application to the LANJ office by January 12.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, your application will be forwarded by LANJ to the NLA Scholarship Committee for their review and potential award. Be advised that only two scholarships are available to operators located in the Northeast U.S. and scholarship application does not guarantee scholarship award.

#### \* Opted in to The LANJ Line for Instant Job Trading

Just Introduced this past October, The LANJ Line is a benefit of membership of the Limousine Associations of New Jersey. Via <u>LANJ.org</u>, it serves as your one-message connection to all LANJ members for instant job trading and other business messaging.

If you haven't already opted in, do it right now by simply replying to this email and providing: 1) your smartphone number; 2) your service carrier, e.g. T-Mobile; and 3) the email address that you want used for this purpose. In return, you will be emailed your LANJ Line user name and password to log into your profile on <u>LANJ.org</u> and then contact your fellow LANJ members whenever you want.

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