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LANJ's Fight for Parity with TNCs Continues in NJ State Legislature

The Legislative Committee of the Limousine Association of New Jersey and its lobbying firm Kaufman Zita Group continue to work intensively with New Jersey legislators to create parity between chauffeured transportation companies and transportation network companies (TNCs) in the Garden State.

The two bills that are the focus of these efforts are still in play right now.

The "TNC Bill" (A-3695/S-2179) that establishes the framework for how TNCs operate and conduct background checks has bi-partisan support in the New Jersey Assembly and Senate. While the bill on the surface does not mandate the fingerprint background check that LANJ advocates, it does include a provision that the attorney general can institute such a check if he is not satisfied with the TNC proposed check system.

The "Limo Bill" (A-3696/S-2315) proposes to eliminate the sales tax on service and adjust insurance requirements. This bill has had decent traction until recently when concern arose regarding uninsured and underinsured coverages. LANJ soon will meet with the legislator who has raised this concern to solidify the association's position that chauffeured transportation companies are adequately insured with current policies and TNCs should mirror the chauffeured transportation industry's coverage requirements.

Special thanks for spearheading this tireless work on behalf of all LANJ members goes to LANJ officers and Legislative Committee members **Pete Corelli** (Lakeview Custom Coach, Oaklyn) and **Jon Epstein** (Royal Coachman Worldwide, Denville), LANJ directors **Tim Rose** (Flyte Tyme Worldwide Transportation, Mahwah) and **David Seelinger** (Empire CLS, Secaucus) and LANJ president and Legislative Committee chair **Jason Sharenow** (Broadway Elite Chauffeured Services, East Hanover).

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