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Industry Leader to Keynote 3/13 LANJ Meeting; Register Now!



All members are invited to attend the **Limousine Association of New Jersey Spring 2019 Luncheon Meeting** being held on **Wednesday March 13, 12 PM - 2 PM**, at Brogan Cadillac, 112 Route 46 East, Totowa, NJ 07512.

The meeting will feature a keynote address by **Dawson Rutter**, Founder, President and CEO of Commonwealth Worldwide Executive Transportation, Boston and New York.

Come hear his story about rising from taxi driver to one of the chauffeured transportation industry's largest and most successful operators, how he climbed from a small/medium enterprise to one of "the big guys," what he has to say about "the limo biz" now and what he sees on the horizon for all chauffeured transportation companies in this incredibly critical time.

Whether you're new to the business or have time-in-grade, hearing what Dawson Rutter has to say first-hand will be a well-spent afternoon. There is no fee to attend. Sponsored by Brogan Cadillac, the included lunch also is complimentary.

To register for the meeting, if you haven't done so already, please simply confirm your name(s) and company by return email and say "I'll/We'll be there!"

Bill Expanding New Jersey Family Leave Signed into Law

On February 19 Governor Phil Murphy signed into law a bill, namely [NJ S2528 \(18R\)](#), that will expand New Jersey's paid leave program, doubling the amount of time workers can take off to care for a new child or sick relative and increasing the pay they can receive in their absence.

Under the new bill the amount of time workers can take is doubled from six weeks (per the previous law) to 12 weeks. It also increases the weekly compensation workers can receive during their time off from 67 percent to 85 percent. The maximum take-home pay will be capped at 70 percent of the statewide average weekly wage. That amount will increase from about \$650 to \$860.

Paid leave also now will apply to issues of domestic violence and the definition of family will expand to include siblings, in-laws, grandparents, grandchildren, other blood relatives and any other individuals who can be shown to have the equivalent of a family relationship.

Congestion Surcharge Now Effective in NYC Congestion Zone

A congestion surcharge, an amount that is added to the charge for transportation, became effective on January 1, 2019 for transportation that 1) both begins and ends in New York State and that 2) begins in, ends in, or passes through the area of New York City in the borough of Manhattan, south of and excluding 96th Street (an area known as the "congestion zone").

The surcharge applies to transportation in vehicles that carry people for-hire, including taxis, limousines, black cars and rideshare/transportation network company vehicles. The surcharge does not apply to transportation by a bus or transportation provided in connection with funerals.

For complete information, read the [technical memorandum](#) from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance which includes details on the surcharge amount, registration for surcharge payments, filing returns and paying the surcharge, and recordkeeping.

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