

HB 802

COMMITTEE REPORT

2/17/76

HOUSE

JUDICIARY

Mr. Speaker:

Date 2/27/76

The Committee on COMMERCE has had HB 802

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

( ) recommends it DO PASS

( ) recommends it DO NOT PASS

( ) recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

( ) recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AND THAT

CS FOR \_\_\_\_\_ DO PASS

( ) "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE

( ) reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

( ) "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

[Handwritten Signature] \_\_\_\_\_  
[Handwritten Signature] \_\_\_\_\_  
[Handwritten Signature] \_\_\_\_\_  
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Handwritten Signature] recommends: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Handwritten Signature] recommends: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ recommends: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ recommends: \_\_\_\_\_

[Handwritten Signature] Chairman

February 20, 1976

Mr. James Johnson, Chairman  
Transportation Commission  
10th Floor, Mackay Building  
338 Denali Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Johnson:

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This bill adds a new section to the Alaska State Statutes, AS 28.15, by requiring a taxicab driver's permit. It also restricts municipalities from regulating the operation, maintenance, or fares of taxicabs.

If you cannot send a representative to testify on this bill, the committee will accept testimony in writing. Testimony may be sent to my office at Pouch V, Juneau, Alaska 99811 for distribution to the committee.

Sincerely,

Representative Bob Bradley  
Chairman, House Commerce Committee

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Mr. Dennis Robertson  
Dept of Public Safety  
Pouch N  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

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Mr. Jim Sinnett  
3200 Mt. View Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

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Mr. Douglas Wetford, Manager  
Municipality of Anchorage  
P. O. Box 400  
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

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Sunny Carpenter  
Presiding Officer  
Fairbanks North Star Borough  
P. O. Box 1267  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

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Mr. William Verwols  
Acting Manager  
Ketchikan Gateway Borough  
344 Front Street  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

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JUNEAU ALASKA

# Alaska State Legislature House

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The committee invites all interested persons to present testimony at that time. Written testimony will also be accepted. It should be addressed to Representative Bob Bradley, Pouch V, State Capital, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

February 20, 1976

Mr. Jim Chrispman  
Anchorage Times  
820 W. 4th Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Attention Advertising Department:

The enclosed ad is to be place in your newspaper as a display ad for the period of Monday, February 23 through Thursday, February 26.

The bill for the ad should be sent to the following:

Division of Administrative Services  
Legislative Affairs Agency  
Pouch Y  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Haslett  
Fairbanks Daily News Miner  
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747-3219 112 Barracks  
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Ketchikan - Daily News  
501 Dock  
Ketchikan, Ak 225-3157  
99901

Fairbanks Daily News Miner

200 N. Crushman

Fairbanks, Ak 99701

456-6601

Mr. Haskett

Display P.O. # 710

Ads.

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February 20, 1976

Mr. Earl Richards  
Deputy Mayor  
City & Borough of Sitka  
P. O. Box 79  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

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McGraw-Hill Business Forms

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TO: HAN, JON  
FROM: KAREN, ANCH

I HAVE A RATHER LENGTHY TRANSMISSION FOR  
REP. BOB BRADLEY FROM THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL  
ATTORNEY WHO IS UNABLE TO BE AT A COMMERCE  
COMM HEARING ON HD 802 TOMORROW. EVIDENTLY  
HIS COMMENTS HAD BEEN SOLICITED AND HE HAD  
BEEN TOLD OUR OFFICE WOULD TRANSMIT THEM.  
SO HERE GOES. PLEASE ACK RECEIPT AT END.  
THANKS.

TO: REP. BOB BRADLEY  
FROM: RICK SHERETT, ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER TO MR. WILFORD  
IN WHICH YOU ASKED FOR THE MUNICIPALITY'S REACTION  
TO HD 802.

(MORE)

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CONTINUATION TO REP. BRADLEY...

THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPALITY OPPOSES HD 802 FOR SEVERAL  
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# City and Borough of Sitka

P.O. BOX 79 · SITKA, ALASKA · 99835



24 February 1976

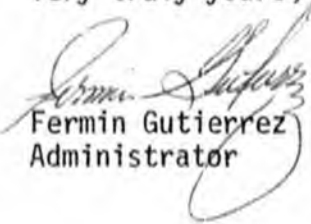
Representative Bob Bradley  
State Capitol  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Bradley:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 20, 1976, addressed to our Deputy Mayor and the copy of HB 802 which accompanied same. The City and Borough of Sitka opposes HB. 802, which we consider a further infringement on the powers of local governments.

Surely our State has better use for the funds and personnel which would be required to administer the proposed legislation? We are quite capable of regulating the taxi business in Sitka at no expense to the State, and we insist we be allowed to retain that right.

Very truly yours,

  
Fermin Gutierrez  
Administrator

FG:mm

cc: R. Eliason  
P. Meland  
E. Haugen

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ALASKA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

MACKAY BUILDING  
338 DENALI STREET - ANCHORAGE 99501

February 26, 1976

Honorable Bob Bradley  
Chairman  
House Commerce Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Bradley:

In response to your letter of February 20, 1976 concerning HB-802, an Act relating to regulation of taxicabs, I would point out that present Alaska statutes, specifically AS 42.15 (Bus Transportation) charge the Alaska Transportation Commission with regulation of buses and certain commercial vehicles transporting passengers, baggage, and express for-hire on the highways of Alaska. In section 421(4) of this chapter taxicabs are exempt from regulation by this Commission. House Bill No. 802 would not change that in that essentially the Bill transfers the regulatory obligation of taxicabs from municipalities to the Commissioner of Public Safety.

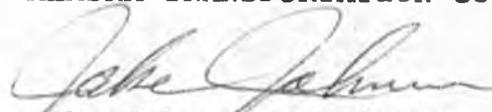
As the legislature is aware this agency has a tremendous workload presently regulating air commerce, bus transportation and the motor carrier industry and we are not necessarily looking for any additional responsibilities. We presently feel that the regulation of taxicabs should be a local matter since all cities and towns have their various unique problems. There is one area that should be considered in any new legislation that presently could lead to problems, and that is the definition of a taxicab. For example, the Anchorage ordinances define a taxicab as a vehicle transporting passengers with a capacity of 9 people including the driver. AS 42.15.431 (Bus Transportation) sub-paragraph (12) defines taxicab as a passenger vehicle having a seating capacity of not more than 7 persons including the driver. To avoid conflicts between various jurisdictions uniform language should be incorporated throughout the state particularly in view of the new innovations in transportation such

as Dial-a-Ride coming into the transportation scene which do not clearly conform to the various bus classifications in AS 42.15 and performs services similar to taxicabs with various seating capacities.

If I can be of any further assistance do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

ALASKA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

  
Jake Johnson, Chairman

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