

Legislation Text

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Authorizing City Council's Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities to hold hearings to examine proposals presently in the state legislature that seek to regulate Transportation Network Companies (TNC) in the Commonwealth and the potential need for such services in cities of the first class.

WHEREAS, With the introduction of smart phone based applications used to dispatch and provide peer-to-peer transportation options, the nation is innovating ways in which Americans get from place to place; and

WHEREAS, Services such as Lyft, Uber, UberX, and Sidecar are just a few of the smart phone based platforms that connect riders with drivers in their communities with ease of use, safety, and convenience; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has already issued approval of emergency applications for TNCs to operate in the County of Allegheny where the Mayor of Pittsburgh is a known and enthusiastic TNC rider; and

WHEREAS, When these emergency applications expire, Pennsylvanians will no longer have access to these transportation options; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania General Assembly presently has before it several bills that seek to practically regulate these Transportation Network Companies in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia should explore the possibility of Transportation Network Companies operating within the City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That City Council's Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities is hereby authorized to hold hearings to examine proposals in the state legislature regulating Transportation Network Companies in the Commonwealth and the potential need for such services in cities of the first class.