PART 700 – TRANSPORTATION OF SPECIAL OR CHARTERED PARTIES.

§700.1 Definitions.

(a) Bus line — as defined in section 2, subdivision 3 of the Transportation Law.

(b) Bus company — as defined in section 2, subdivision 2 of the Transportation Law.

(c) Certificate of public convenience and necessity — authority to operate as a common carrier granted pursuant to section 153 of the Transportation Law.

(d) Temporary certificate of public convenience and necessity — temporary authority to operate a bus line granted pursuant to section 149(5) of the Transportation Law.

(e) Authorized bus service — service provided by a bus company pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity or a temporary certificate of public convenience and necessity.

(f) Permit — authority to operate as a contract carrier of passengers by motor vehicle.

(g) Regular route — a route over which a bus company operates a bus line pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity or a temporary certificate of public convenience and necessity.

(h) Regular route point — a city or town served on a regular route. It shall include additional territory as follows:

   (1) if a city, all contiguous cities and towns, including villages located wholly or partly in such towns; and
   (2) if a town, any village located wholly or partly in such town.

(i) Chartered party — a group of persons who, pursuant to a common purpose and under a single contract and at a fixed charge, have acquired exclusive use of a passenger-carrying motor vehicle to travel together as a group to a specific destination or for a particular itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the chartered group after having left the place of origin. Carriers shall not transport chartered parties between the same points or along the same routes so frequently as to constitute bus line, van service or sightseeing service.

(j) Special party — a group of persons transported under individual fares or charges in a passenger-carrying motor vehicle used exclusively for the transportation of such group of persons to a specific destination or for a particular itinerary as determined by the carrier in round-trip transportation. Carriers shall not transport special parties between the same points or along the same routes so frequently as to constitute bus line, van service or sightseeing service.

(k) Sightseeing service is common carriage and means transportation for a group of persons on an individual or group fare basis, on a frequent prepublished schedule, from specified pickup points to a point or various points of interest and return to said pickup points, usually distinguished by the services of an escort for explanatory services.
§700.2 Operations authorized.

(a) Subject to the limitations included in subdivision (b) of this section, the operation authorized by a permit to a bus company, pursuant to section 154, subdivision 3 of the Transportation Law, shall be the transportation of special or chartered parties originating at any route point, as defined in section 700.1(h) of this Part, and from that regular route point to any point in the State. It may also include return transportation to the point of origin, but only when such return trip completes a round trip for the same persons boarding at the authorized regular route point at which the trip originated.

(b) The transportation of special or chartered parties from any regular route point shall be subject to the restrictions or limitations imposed by the underlying certificate of public convenience and necessity.

§700.3 Form and issuance of expense bill.

Every bus company and every contract carrier of passengers by motor vehicle authorized to transport chartered parties shall, when collecting charges for transportation of any chartered party in intrastate commerce, issue an expense bill and cause to be shown on the face thereof the following:

(a) serial number, which shall consist of one of a series of consecutive numbers assigned in advance and imprinted on the form of expense bill;

(b) name of carrier;

(c) name and address of person paying the charges, together with the name of the organization, if any, for which transportation is performed;

(d) date or dates upon which transportation is performed;

(e) origin and destination of trip;

(f) number of vehicles used, and identification of each;

(g) charges for transportation; and

(h) itemized charges for special services, if any, performed by the carrier.

§700.4 Record of expense bills to be retained.

A record of all expense bills required by section 700.3 of this Part shall be kept by the carrier by retaining for a period of two years a copy of each such bill which is issued, and if any form of numbered expense bill is spoiled, voided, or unused for any reason, a copy thereof, or a written record of its disposition, shall be retained for a like period.