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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 0701-C-14-L (Case No. LV05-1806-27)

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF JOSE ALVARADO D.B.A. ALFREDO'S LIMOUSINE

Final Decision

October 12, 2007

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General

By citation dated June 15, 2007, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "Department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, Jose Alvarado d.b.a. Alfredo's Limousine (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Livery Permit Number 2760, was ordered to come before the Department to answer the allegations made therein.

Pursuant to said citation, the respondent was directed to appear at the Newington office of the Department of Transportation to show cause why Livery Permit Number 2760, issued for the operation of livery service, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of its livery permit pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, et seq.

More specifically, it is alleged that on April 12, 2006, a driver for the respondent operated a motor vehicle bearing Connecticut livery marker plate number L6482L in intrastate livery service in excess of the vehicles passenger seating capacity in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-273(a).

The citation was served upon the respondent at 90 Garfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut by first class and certified mail and recited the department's reasons for issuing it.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held on October 2, 2007.

Notice of the citation and the hearing to be held thereon was given to the respondent and to such other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended.

The hearing on this matter was conducted by a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner of Transportation, pursuant to Section 13b-17 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

C. Appearances

No one appeared on behalf of the respondent, Jose Alvarado d.b.a. Alfredo's Limousine. The respondent's mailing address is 90 Garfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06606.

Robert Colucci, Supervising Special Investigator with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit, was a witness in this matter.

Wayne Sinclair, a member of staff, presented evidence on behalf of the department.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The respondent is the holder of Livery Permit Number 2760 in the name of Jose Alvarado d.b.a. Alfredo's Limousine and has been authorized to operate in intrastate and interstate livery service from a headquarters in Bridgeport.

- 2. On April 12, 2006, a driver for the respondent operated a motor vehicle bearing Connecticut livery marker plate number L6482L in intrastate livery service in excess of the vehicles passenger seating capacity in violation of Connecticut General Statute Sections 13b-103(a).
- 3. A Notice of Hearing was sent to the respondent at 90 Garfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. The Notice of Hearing was not claimed by the respondent.
 - 5. The respondent failed to appear at the citation hearing on October 2, 2007.

III. <u>DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW</u>

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles in livery service in the State of Connecticut accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, the Department may amend or for sufficient cause suspend or revoke any such permit. Further, the Department may impose a civil penalty on any person who violates any provision of the governing chapter or any regulation adopted under Section 13b-102 through 13b-109, as amended, with respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each violation.

The evidence of record shows that on April 12, 2006, the respondent allowed the operation of motor vehicle bearing Connecticut livery marker plate number L6482L in intrastate livery service in excess of the vehicle's passenger seating capacity in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103(a).

The Department's records show that the respondent was listed as having a mailing address at 90 Garfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. A Notice of Hearing was sent to that address and the respondent failed to claim it. Since the respondent failed to appear at the hearing, respondent's livery permit will be revoked.

IV. ORDER

Based on the above, Livery Permit Number 2760, standing in the name of Jose Alvarado d.b.a. Alfredo's Limousine is hereby revoked. The revocation shall become effective fifteen (15) days from the date of this final decision.

This final decision constitutes notice in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-182(c).

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this the 12th day of October 2007.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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