

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 1507-C-89-L

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF STATE LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC.

Final Decision

September 22, 2015

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background

By citation dated August 11, 2015, issued by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, State Limousine Service, Inc. (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of livery Permit Number 2701, was ordered to come before the department to answer allegations made therein.

The respondent was directed to appear at the Newington office of the Department of Transportation to show cause why Permit Number 2701, for the for the operation of motor vehicles in livery service and for the registration of interstate authority should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, et seq.

The allegations against the respondent include violation of its livery permit issued pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103 by the following actions:

- Failure to maintain a headquarters in violation of Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-325-1;
 - Failure to maintain its Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration authority up to date and registered with the State of Connecticut in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102(b); and
 - Failure to maintain insurance, in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-29.

The citation was served upon the respondent by first class and certified mail and recited the department's reasons for issuing same.

B. <u>Hearing</u>

Pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held on September 10, 2015.

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

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

C. Appearances

State Limousine Service, Inc., whose address of record is P.O. Box 16891, Stamford, Connecticut, failed to appear at the citation hearing. The notice issued to the respondent by certified mail was undeliverable and returned to the department.

Valerie Seery, License and Applications Analyst with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit of the department, presented the evidence in this matter.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent is holder of Livery Permit No. 2701.
- 2. On or about June 1, 2015, upon discovering that the respondent was operating a livery service under the name of another company, the department sent a certified letter dated June 1, 2015 to the respondent at its business address directing it to change its name. That letter was returned to the department, undeliverable.
- 3. The department sent another letter dated June 26, 2015 by certified mail to the respondent's mailing address of record, again advising the respondent to change its name. The letter was returned undeliverable.
- 4. Upon further investigation of the department records, Valerie Seery, License and Applications Analyst, found that the respondent had no vehicles registered under its permit.
- 5. As a result of the failure to find registered vehicles under the respondent's permit, Seery investigated the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration records and found no record for the respondent.
- 6. No insurance information was on record for the respondent.
- 7. The respondent failed to appear at the hearing.

III. DISCUSSION

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 shows that the respondent does not have any vehicles registered under its livery permit. The respondent does not have Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration authority to operate interstate. The evidence shows that the respondent is not at its address of record for its headquarters nor does the respondent have a mailing address. It is reasonable to conclude, therefore, that the respondent is no longer in business.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The respondent is in violation of its permit, issued pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, which requires the permit holder to comply with the laws, regulations and rules governing livery service, to wit: the respondent failed to maintain a headquarters in violation of Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-325-1; the respondent failed to register vehicles and maintain insurance under its permit in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-29.

IV. ORDER

Based on the evidence of record, Permit No. 2701, standing in the name of State Limousine Service, Inc., is hereby revoked.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 22nd day of September 2015.

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