



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BUREAU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT**



DOCKET NO. 2108-N-68-HG

APPLICATION OF FA BENE LLC DBA COLLEGE HUNKS HAULING JUNK AND COLLEGE HUNKS MOVING TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR HIRE, AS A HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER, OVER IRREGULAR ROUTES BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT UPON CALLS RECEIVED FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN BRANFORD.

DECISION

August 31, 2021

Regulatory and Compliance Unit
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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on August 16, 2021, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and assigned Docket No. 2108-N-68-HG, Fa Bene LLC dba College Hunks Hauling Junk and College Hunks Moving ("hereinafter applicant"), with a mailing address of 7 Business Park Drive, Unit 15, Branford, CT 06405 seeks authorization from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department") to operate motor vehicles in the transportation of household goods for hire, as a household goods carrier, over irregular routes between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Branford.

B. Hearing

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-391, a hearing is not required on this application.

Notice of the application was not given to interested parties in the municipality of Branford because there are currently no registered household goods carriers in that town.

II. FINDING OF FACT

1. The applicant is seeking to operate an intrastate household goods moving company from a headquarters in Branford.
2. Nunzio Morra has worked in the moving business for six years.
3. Nunzio Morra has six years of moving experience working independently and moving close relatives out of homes and business buildings.
4. The applicant also has received eight months of extensive training and has access to safety resources per the dba franchise network.
5. The applicant has a \$42,557.47 balance in its business bank accounts.
6. The applicant will be operating a 2021 Isuzu NPR HD Cabover in the moving business.
7. The applicant's first six months of expenses include insurance costs of \$3,325, vehicle financing of \$8,171.94, maintenance and repairs of \$4,200, moving supplies of \$0, property tax of \$649.11, advertising costs of \$6,000 and communications costs of \$1,229.94.
8. Nunzio Morra will have at least one employee working for him.
9. A criminal record check was unable to be conducted for Nunzio Morra due to temporary issues with the implementation of the new Connecticut Criminal History Request System (CCHRS). However, the applicant stated on his verified and notarized application that he does not have a criminal history.

10. The applicant receives several requests for intrastate moving services every week which he cannot perform because he is not authorized.

11. There were no comments received from interested parties in the municipality of Branford to a grant of this application because there are no certified household goods carriers using Branford as its headquarters.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over any person operating any motor vehicle in the transportation of household goods for hire as a household goods carrier pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Further, no person shall operate as a household goods carrier, within Connecticut, without first obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity to so operate.

In determining whether such a certificate shall be granted, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take into consideration the existing motor transportation facilities and the effect upon them of granting such a certificate, the suitability of the applicant, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently to perform the service for which the authority is requested, and the criminal history of the applicant pursuant to Section 13b-392 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence of insurance costs of \$3,325, vehicle financing of \$8,171.94, maintenance and repairs of \$4,200, moving supplies of \$0, property tax of \$649.11, advertising costs of \$6,000 and communications costs of \$1,229.94 for a total expense of \$41,575.99. The applicant has \$42,557.47 in business bank accounts which is sufficient to cover these costs thereby making the applicant financially suitable.

The applicant Nunzio Morra was unable to submit a criminal record check due to the state system being inaccessible. However, the applicant stated on his verified and notarized application that he does not have a criminal history. The department will verify Mr. Morra's criminal record when the new system is operational and if a criminal finding is determined, this certificate will be immediately revoked. The applicant has prior experience having worked for several years in the moving industry. In addition, the applicant has been receiving training and safety resources from within their franchise network. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to handle this proposed operation.

Another factor to be considered is the ability of the applicant to efficiently perform the service for which the authority is requested. The applicant plans to utilize one 2021 Isuzu NPR Cabover for the business. The applicant's one vehicle will enable efficient performance of duties.

The last criterion to be considered is the effect on the existing motor carrier facilities by granting this certificate. No moving companies have opposed the application because there are no certified household goods carriers using Branford as their headquarters. CGS Sec. 13b-392 states: When it appears that no household goods carrier service is being supplied over the route or routes applied for, public convenience and necessity shall be presumed to require the operation of such service. Therefore, public convenience and necessity is satisfied.

Based on the evidence provided, the applicant has proven all the necessary elements to be granted a certificate to operate a household good moving company from a headquarters in Branford.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of Fa Bene LLC dba College Hunks Hauling Junk and College Hunks Moving is hereby granted, and Certificate Number HG1813 is issued as follows:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER HG1813
TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY
FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

Fa Bene LLC dba College Hunks Hauling Junk and College Hunks Moving, is hereby permitted and authorized, subject to such regulations and conditions as the department may from time to time prescribe, to transport property for hire as a motor common carrier over irregular routes as follows:

Household goods, within the State of Connecticut, between all points upon calls received at its headquarters in Branford.

The certificate holder must accept and transport property, as herein authorized in accordance with its tariff on file, for all persons who desire the service to the extent of the certificate holder's facilities at uniform rates for all similar service.

CONDITIONS:

A motor vehicle must be registered and insured under this certificate within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision. Failure to so may result in a revocation of authority.

Certificate holder shall apply for a criminal history background check within 10 days of being notified by the department that the new system is in use by the department. In the event that a criminal history result is contained within the report, this Certificate may be revoked without further action if it was improvidently granted. Notice by email and first-class mail will be provided to the certificate holder.

There shall be carried in each vehicle operated under this authority a copy of the certificate registration receipt by the department.

The certificate shall remain in effect until suspended, amended or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance or to comply with all motor vehicle laws and other pertinent state statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to revoke said certificate.

This certificate may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational for more than twenty-four (24) months.

This certificate is transferable only with the approval of the department and is issued subject to compliance by the holder thereof with all motor vehicle laws of the State of Connecticut, and with such regulations and orders as this department may from time to time prescribe.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 31st day of August 2021.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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