

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1802

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Requiring auto transport companies to report revenues to the UTC on a yearly basis.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Hankins, Fisher and Mitchell; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission.

**House Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget**

**Senate Committee on Transportation**

**Background:** Auto transportation companies (for-hire buses that operate on a regular route/schedule and airporters), household goods movers (moving and storage companies), solid waste disposal and recycling companies, and steamboat companies (for-hire private ferries) are regulated by the Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC) with regard to entry, rates, routes, safety and insurance. All carriers pay a regulatory fee that is based upon the company's intrastate gross operating revenues.

Auto transportation companies are required to pay quarterly a regulatory fee of two-fifths of 1 percent of the company's intrastate gross operating revenues. At the same time, the UTC collects a vehicle license fee based on intrastate mileage that is deposited in the motor vehicle fund: (1) the fee for buses propelled by gasoline is 15 cents per 100 miles traveled; and (2) the fee for buses using diesel, natural gas, other special fuels, electricity, or steam is 20 cents per 100 miles traveled. All other regulated carriers pay the regulatory fee annually.

**Summary:** The UTC regulatory fee and the vehicle license intrastate mileage fee for auto transportation companies are collected annually by the commission.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 94 0

Senate 44 0

**Effective:** July 27, 1997