

WSR 22-23-164  
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

[Filed November 23, 2022, 8:22 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Within chapter 308-83 WAC, Limousine services, the subject of rule making is WAC 308-83-010 Definitions.

During the review of WAC 308-83-010 Definitions, the agency may make rules to be more inclusive of modern vehicle sizes within the definitions of the limousine category.

During the review of chapter 308-83 WAC, the agency will consider rule making as necessary to implement recently passed legislation, align rule to current policy or practice, correct references to law, improve readability of the rule, or make other changes identified during the review of the WAC section.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 46.72A.030(1), 42.04.274(1), and 46.01.110.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department of licensing (DOL) has received a petition from a limousine services company requesting that the agency revise rules to allow for inclusion of modern vehicle sizes. Thus, the agency is considering rule making on WAC 308-83-010 to be more inclusive of modern vehicle sizes. Decreasing the wheelbase requirement for executive sedans and executive SUVs would allow for a greater range of modern vehicle sizes. Decreasing the capacity of executive vans for number of passengers behind the driver would allow for additional modern luxury vans to be included under the definition of a limousine.

The current definition of a limousine is putting undue burden on limousine services, especially as DOL is seeing more environmentally friendly vehicles and other modern luxury vehicles with either smaller wheelbase or seating capacity than the definitions allow for within the limousine category. This rule making is beneficial to, or requested or supported by the regulated entities, local governments, or businesses it affects.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: DOL, in consultation with the Washington state patrol, may develop this rule in coordination with other state agencies as identified during the review. These agencies may include the department of revenue, utilities and transportation commission, Washington state department of transportation, and Washington traffic safety commission. DOL may inform the relevant agencies of the rule making and encourage input.

Process for Developing New Rule: DOL is rule making in response to a petition. The ensuing agency analysis of chapter 308-83 WAC will identify necessary or desired rule changes; the agency will consult with relevant parties, propose changes as necessary, and seek public comment.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting [no information supplied by agency].

November 23, 2022  
Ellis Starrett  
Rules and Policy Manager