

Senate Bill 384

By: Senators Balfour of the 9th, Reed of the 35th and Shafer of the 48th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limousine carriers, so as to change certain provisions relating to the permitting of limousine carriers by certain airports; to limit fees for such permitting; to provide that a chauffeur's permit and a certificate issued to the limousine carrier shall be adequate evidence of sufficient criminal background investigations; to delete a provision allowing cities and counties to enact ordinances requiring certain limousine carriers to pay business license fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limousine carriers, is amended by revising Code Section 46-7-85.11, relating to preemption of regulation of limousine carriers by general law, as follows:

"46-7-85.11.

The State of Georgia fully occupies and preempts the entire field of regulation over limousine carriers as regulated by this article; provided, however, that the governing authority of any county or municipal airport shall be authorized to permit any limousine carrier doing business at any such airport and may establish fees as part of such permitting process; provided, further, that ~~counties and municipalities may enact ordinances and regulations which require limousine carriers which are domiciled within their boundaries to pay business license fees~~ such fees shall not exceed the airport's approximate cost of permitting and regulating limousine carriers; and provided, further, that such governing authorities of such airports shall accept a chauffeur's permit issued by the Department of Driver Services to the driver and evidence of a certificate issued to the limousine carrier by the Public Service Commission as adequate evidence of sufficient criminal background investigations and shall not require any fee for any further criminal background investigation. The list of licensed limousine carriers on the website of the Public Service

1 Commission shall be sufficient evidence that a limousine carrier has a certificate issued by
2 the Public Service Commission."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.