New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

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NOTICE TO ALL NEW JERSEY BASED BUS COMPANIES OPERATING CHARTER TRIPS INTO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The International Registration Plan (IRP) has been amended to remove the exemption for buses used in the transportation of chartered parties. Currently, registration in the IRP for chartered buses has been optional. Effective January 1, 2016, non-government owned buses transporting chartered parties to any destination outside of the state in which they are registered will be required to be registered under the International Revenue Plan (IRP) and display the corresponding "Apportioned" plates.

A "Chartered Party" is defined by the IRP as "*a group of Persons who, pursuant to a common purpose and under a single contract, have acquired the exclusive use of a passenger-carrying Motor Vehicle to travel together as a group to a specified destination or for a particular itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the group after leaving the place of origin. This term includes services rendered to a number of passengers that a passenger carrier or its agent has assembled into a travel group through sales of a ticket to each individual passenger covering a round trip from one or more points of origin to a single advertised destination*."

The IRP was also amended to remove the requirement to declare travel into other jurisdictions in advance. The lifting of this requirement is known as "Full Reciprocity" and became effective January 1, 2015. All IRP Cab-cards issued on or after that date automatically show all jurisdictions.

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) is recommending that if you are planning to register any buses under the IRP in order to operate interstate, you consider switching any current commercial registration to an IRP "apportioned" registration when your 2015 commercial registration renewal date comes due. If you wait until January 1, 2016, any unused portion of your twelve month commercial registration will not be refunded.

Companies that have an International Fuel Tax Association (IFTA) account with New Jersey can register for IRP registration under the same account. For those who had an IRP account in the past with New Jersey, that account can be reactivated. Information and forms are available at:

For IRP at: http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Commercial/IRP.htm
For IFTA at: http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Commercial/IFTA.htm

For questions, please call 609-633-9400 and select Option 1 to speak with someone in the MVC's IRP unit or email us at MVCMOTORCARRIERS@dot.state.nj.us.