PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR ADOPTION BY THE NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY RE: LONG ROUTE VIOLATIONS ("LONG HAULING")

- 1. Nevada Revised Statute 706.8846(3) (herein, <u>NRS 706.8846(3)</u>) prohibits long route violations, defined as "taking a longer route to the passenger's destination than is necessary, unless specifically requested so to do by the passenger." This is also commonly referred to as "long hauling."
- 2. The enabling statutes of the Nevada Taxicab Authority ("Taxicab Authority") are set forth in Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") Sections 706.881-706.885.
- 3. Regulations of the Taxicab Authority adopted pursuant to NRS 706.881-706.885 are set forth in Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") Sections 706.450-NAC 706.982 ("Operation of Taxicabs under Jurisdiction of Taxicab Authority").
- 4. In order to provide needed definition and clarification of NRS 706.8846(3), and to assist the Taxicab Authority and the taxicab industry in the proper scope, application and enforcement of the long route prohibition, the Taxicab Authority is adopting the following regulations, to be added to NAC Sections 706.450-NAC 706.982, effective February 1, 2017.
- 5. Provided a taxi driver is an employee of a certificate holder, upon the taxi driver's third conviction of a long route violation in any three (3) year period after February 1, 2017, the certificate holder who the offending taxi driver is employed by upon the third conviction shall be subject to penalty pursuant to NRS 706.885.
- 6. The long route citation database shall additionally identify with an asterisk any long route citation conviction associated with a driver's TA permit number characterized as an "abusive" long route conviction, which shall be defined as a fare 75% or more than the shortest route in terms of distance for the trip, given the applicable road conditions.
- 7. A taxi driver may initiate a conversation with a passenger to obtain the passenger's verbal consent for a particular route to be taken to the passenger's destination.
- 8. A taxi driver may take a route geographically parallel to the shortest route in terms of distance (provided the route may not be exactly the same in distance) to a passenger's destination including, but not limited to, a list of parallel routes approved by the Taxicab Authority.

9. A taxi driver may take an alternative route to the shortest route in terms of distance to a passenger's destination in the event of road construction, vehicular accidents, safety or excessive traffic provided the customer verbally consents to the alternative route.