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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PUTS PUBLIC ON ALERT DURING PROM SEASON

ATLANTA—With less than two months left before prom season begins, the Georgia Public Service Commission reminds students and parents to be aware of illegal limousine companies scheduling trips without proper authority. The Commission reiterates its no "tolerance policy" toward limousine companies operating illegally.

Under the law, all limousine companies are required to be registered with the Commission and have proof of insurance on file. Licensed carriers are required to have chauffeur permits for all drivers after a criminal investigation has been done. A carrier operating illegally will have neither completed the extensive background investigation nor provided the Commission with proof of insurance.

Licensed limousine carriers operate under a maximum tariff and rates are negotiable. A gratuity is voluntary and not mandatory. Limousine companies are allowed a 3-hour minimum during prom season.

When making your reservations be sure to "get a confirmation in writing". As a reminder, contact the company a few days before the scheduled event to confirm the time of pickup.

If consumers need information as to whether a carrier is licensed or if you have a complaint, contact Maria Dorough or Nancy Sexton with the Commission staff at 404-559-6605 or I-800-282-5813 or refer to the list of licensed companies at http://www.psc.state.ga.us/transportation/limocos.htm.

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