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### NEWS RELEASE

#### PSC Offers Advice for Limousine Safety

Atlanta, March 25, 2008 – Spring is in the air and with it comes planning for proms and graduations. The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) has some helpful advice for Georgians who may be hiring limousines for these events.

Be aware of illegal limousine companies. Under current Georgia law (O.C.G.A. §46-7-85.3 and 46-7-85.4) all limousine companies are required to be registered and have proof of insurance on file with the Commission. A list of the licensed companies can be found on the Commission's website: <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/transportation/limodata>.

Chauffeurs who drive for licensed limousine carriers are required to have permits which are only issued to drivers that work for limousine companies approved by the Commission and who have successfully completed a criminal history investigation from the Georgia Department of Driver Services. A carrier operating illegally will not have the Commission's required proof of insurance and a chauffeur working for an illegal carrier may not have passed the mandatory background investigation.

When making your reservations always get a written confirmation. As a reminder, contact the company a few days prior to the scheduled event to confirm the arrangements. Remember that the Commission no longer regulates the rates charged by limousine companies so shop around for the most competitive price and confirm that price to avoid last minute surprises.

If consumers need more information about a limousine carrier or if you have a complaint about service issues, contact the Commission's Transportation Unit at 404-656-4501 or toll free outside metro Atlanta 1-800-282-5813.

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