281.011 Definitions for chapter.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) The term "carrier" or "motor carrier" means any person who owns, controls, operates, manages, or leases, except persons leasing to authorized carriers, any motor vehicle for the transportation of persons or property for hire upon any highway, and any person who engages in the business of U-Drive-It. It shall include common and contract carriers by motor vehicle, city and suburban buses, holders of nonprofit bus certificates, driveaways and U-Drive-Its;
- (2) The term "motor vehicle" means any motor propelled vehicle used for the transportation of persons or property on a public highway, including any such vehicle operated as a unit in combination with other vehicles, and including vehicles propelled by electric power obtained from overhead wires whether operating over rails or otherwise;
- (3) The term "common carrier" means any person who holds himself out to the general public to engage in the transportation by motor vehicle of persons or property in intrastate or interstate commerce over regular or irregular routes, except that the holder of a nonprofit bus certificate shall not be construed to be a common carrier;
- (4) The term "irregular route common carrier" means any person who holds himself out to the general public to engage in the transportation of persons or property by motor vehicle over irregular routes in intrastate or interstate commerce;
- (5) The term "contract carrier" means any person who, under individual contracts or agreements, engages in the transportation by motor vehicle of passengers or property in interstate or intrastate commerce;
- (6) The term "driver" or "chauffeur" means the person physically operating the motor vehicle; and
- (7) The term "regular seat" means a seat ordinarily and customarily used by one
 (1) passenger and in determining such seating capacity the manufacturer's rating may be considered.

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