

CHAPTER 53

AUTOBUSES

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Chapter 53, Autobuses, expires on February 13, 2002.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 53, Autobuses, became effective with Subchapter 1, *Autobus Specifications for Van-Type Autobuses*, adopted as R.1979 d.124, effective March 23, 1979. See: 11 N.J.R. 263(a). Subchapter 2, *Autobus Specifications*, was originally adopted by the Board of Public Utilities as N.J.A.C. 14:11-2, and was filed and became effective prior to September 1, 1969. N.J.A.C. 14:11-2 was amended by R.1972 d.226, effective November 15, 1972; and R.1977 d.240, effective July 7, 1977. See: 4 N.J.R. 310(b); 9 N.J.R. 373(c). Pursuant to the Reorganization Plan for the Board of Public Utilities and the Department of Transportation (1978), and R.1982 d.30, N.J.A.C. 14:11-2 was recodified as N.J.A.C. 16:53-2, effective February 1, 1982. See: 14 N.J.R. 160(b). Subchapter 2, *Special Equipment for Vehicles Used to Transport Passengers in Wheelchairs*; Subchapter 4, *Modified Interiors or Autobuses Used for Charter or Special Bus Operations*; Subchapter 6, *Autobus Specifications for Small Bus*; Subchapter 7, *Specifications for Special Autobus Type Recreational Vehicles*; and Subchapter 8, *Specifications for Sedan-Type Autobuses*, were adopted as new rules; existing Subchapter 2 was recodified as Subchapter 3, *Autobus Specifications*; Subchapter 5, *Certificates*, was recodified from N.J.A.C. 14:11-3; and Subchapter 9, *Public Liability Insurance*, was recodified from 14:4-2, by R.1983 d.110, effective May 2, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 694(b). Amendments to Chapter 53 were adopted as R.1983 d.445, effective October 17, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 1771(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 53 was readopted as R.1984 d.82, effective March 8, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 746(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 53 expired on March 19, 1989. Expired Chapter 53, including new Subchapter 10, *Designated Fees for Autobus Inspections*, was adopted as R.1989 d.392, effective July 17, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 2051(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 53 was readopted as R.1994 d.346, effective June 13, 1994. See: 26 N.J.R. 1606(a), 26 N.J.R. 2798(a).

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SUBCHAPTER 1. AUTOBUS SPECIFICATIONS FOR VAN-TYPE AUTOBUSES

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(a) The Department of Transportation hereby adopts the rules and regulations relating to the safety of equipment as promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation (formerly ICC Motor Carriers Safety Regulations), presently set forth in Part 393, except as otherwise herein entitled "Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation", as amended. A copy of these regulations entitled "Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carriers Safety Regulations" may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C. 20423.