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Industry Advisory

Flip Seats in Commercial Passenger Vehicles

Operators of accessible taxis and other commercial passenger vehicles are advised that moveable “flip seats” and “let down seats” may only be installed ***when express authorization has been provided*** by the Board.

Division 10.07(5) of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations states that flip seats can only be used if a Passenger Transportation Act licence authorizes the seating of persons with moveable or let-down seats. This requirement is in addition to other standards and requirements that apply to the installation of a “flip seat” in a commercial passenger vehicle.

An operator wishing to install flip seats must submit an application to the Board that includes a request for the inclusion of express authorization to use flip seats as a term and condition of the licence. This would be treated as an amendment to a licence and section 28 (1)(a)-(c) would apply.

If a request is for flip seats to be installed in accessible taxis, applicants must provide information to the Board on how they will ensure that persons requiring an accessible taxi will receive priority service.

The Board will be reviewing this matter in more detail at its Board meeting in January.