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DOT PROPOSES TO RESTRICT FEDERALLY FUNDED BUS CHARTERS

The U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) today issued a proposed rule to restrict federally funded transit agencies from competing with private charter bus operators.

In announcing the proposed rule, Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Ralph L. Stanley said, "The Reagan Administration wants to promote private enterprise and ensure that the current legal protection for private charter bus operations is effectively implemented."

The proposed regulation specifies that a transit agency must annually determine if private charter bus providers in the same area are willing and able to provide charter service. With the existence of a willing and able private provider, a transit agency could only contract for charter service if a willing and able private operator could not secure the required number of buses requested or if a willing and able private operator could not provide equipment accessible to handicapped persons.

Comments on the proposal should be addressed to the UMTA's Docket 82-I, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., room 9228, Washington, D.C. 20590.

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