

--- District of Columbia Bus Permit Provisions ---

The following was copied verbatim from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission (WMATC) website at <http://wmatc.gov/announcements.html> and explains in layman's terms the contents of code section 50-1501.02(j) which deals directly with this matter.

In 2007, the District of Columbia enacted new vehicle registration requirements for chartered buses seating more than 15 passengers that are operated within the District of Columbia. Under these new requirements, such vehicles must either: (1) be registered as a commercial vehicle within Washington D.C. and bear Washington DC license plates; (2) be registered in their home state with apportioned license plates; or (3) display a valid trip permit from the DC Department of Motor Vehicles. A trip permit costs \$50, lasts 6 days, and covers only one specific vehicle.

Compliance with this new law does not exempt a carrier from WMATC requirements, and possession of WMATC operating authority does not exempt a carrier from compliance with the new District of Columbia law. For more information about the new D.C. charter bus requirements, contact the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles at (202) 729-7083 or visit <http://dmv.dc.gov/info/trippermit.shtm>.

The following text is copied verbatim from the District of Columbia Official Code

Chapter §50-1501.02 (j).

(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any bus from any state or country used in the transportation of a chartered party, as that term is used in the International Registration Plan, with a seating capacity of greater than 15 passengers shall, prior to entering the District of Columbia, either:

(1) Register as a Class B commercial vehicle under § 50-1501.03(b)(2);

(2) Obtain proportional registration in its base jurisdiction through the International Registration Plan, as provided by § 50-1507.03; or

(3) Obtain a trip permit, as provided by § 50-1507.03.

Note: Chapter § 50-1507.03 deals directly with vehicle registration.