

325A.1 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#):

1. “*Bulk liquid commodities*” means liquid commodities or compressed gases transported in a vehicle having a total cargo tank shell capacity of more than two thousand gallons.
2. “*Department*” means the state department of transportation.
3. “*Highway*” means a street, road, bridge, or thoroughfare of any kind in this state.
4. “*Interstate motor carrier number*” means a United States department of transportation number or motor carrier number issued by the federal highway administration.
5. “*Intrastate*” means a movement of property or passengers from one location to another within this state. “*Intrastate*” does not include transportation of property or passengers which is a furtherance of an interstate movement.
6. “*Motor carrier*” means a person defined in [subsection 8, 9, or 10](#), but does not include a transportation network company or a transportation network company driver, as defined in [section 321N.1](#).
7. “*Motor carrier certificate*” means a certificate issued by the department to any person transporting passengers on any highway of this state for hire, other than a transportation network company or a transportation network company driver, as defined in [section 321N.1](#). This certificate is transferable.
8. “*Motor carrier of bulk liquid commodities*” means a person engaged in the transportation, for hire, of bulk liquid commodities upon a highway in this state.
9. “*Motor carrier of household goods*” means a person engaged in the transportation, for hire, of personal effects and property used or to be used in a dwelling, and includes the following:
 - a. Furniture, fixtures, equipment, and the property of stores, offices, museums, institutions, hospitals, or other establishments when a part of the stock, equipment, or supply of such establishment; except, this paragraph shall not be construed to include the stock-in-trade of any establishment, except when transported as an incident to the removal of the establishment from one location to another.
 - b. Articles including objects of art, displays, and exhibits, which because of their unusual nature or value, require the specialized handling and equipment usually employed in moving household goods.
10. “*Motor carrier of property*” means a person engaged in the transportation, for hire, of property by motor vehicle including a carrier transporting liquid commodities or compressed gases in a vehicle having a total cargo tank shell capacity of two thousand gallons or less.
11. “*Motor carrier permit*” means a permit issued by the department to any person operating any motor vehicle on any highway of this state to transport property for hire. A motor carrier permit is not transferable unless it was issued to a motor carrier of household goods.
12. “*Motor vehicle*” means an automobile, motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor, motor bus, or other self-propelled vehicle, or a trailer, semitrailer, or other device used in connection with the transportation of property or passengers. “*Motor vehicle*” does not include a motor vehicle owned by a school district or used exclusively in conveying school children to and from school or school activities.
13. “*Private carrier*” means a person who provides transportation of property or passengers by motor vehicle, is not a for-hire motor carrier or a transportation network company or a transportation network company driver, as defined in [section 321N.1](#), or who transports commodities of which the person is the owner, lessee, or bailee and the transportation is a furtherance of the person’s primary business or occupation.
14. “*Transportation for hire*” means all transportation of property or passengers made available by a person for compensation.

[97 Acts, ch 104, §32, 61](#); [2001 Acts, ch 132, §18, 19](#); [2016 Acts, ch 1101, §17, 24](#)

Referred to in [§15.274](#), [§321N.3](#), [§325B.1](#)

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Subsections 6, 7, and 13 amended