

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

EXPANDS RIDESHARE COMPANIES' LIABILITY FOR PASSENGER INJURIES.

INITIATIVE STATUTE. Classifies rideshare companies as “common carriers” under California law (like taxis, buses, and trains), requiring those companies to exercise a heightened standard of care to avoid harm to passengers. Makes rideshare companies legally responsible for injuries to passengers or the public caused by a rideshare driver’s negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct, regardless of whether the driver is an independent contractor. Voids any contract between a rideshare company and a passenger or independent contractor that purports to waive any of these rights or obligations. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: **Increased state court costs ranging from the millions of dollars to the low tens of millions of dollars annually to process increased civil case workload. Increased costs to CPUC in the low millions of dollars annually to develop, implement, and enforce new regulations, to be covered by fees paid by rideshare companies.** (25-0028A1.)