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**CIRCULAR 2-93**

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**TO: ALL AUTOMOBILE INSURERS LICENSED IN ALBERTA**

**SUBJECT: CLASSIFICATION OF VEHICLES USED IN  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED**

Many Alberta communities offer a service for disabled persons with special transportation needs. Those who qualify for the service can make advance bookings; the service arranges itineraries and dispatches wheelchair lift vehicles, passenger vans and sedans according to the needs of the client.

In some cases, the community service contracts for vehicles and drivers. There is some controversy about the proper classification of these individually owned vehicles for insurance rating purposes. The operation is a public bus service.

The Board rules that for rating purposes:

- (1) Vehicles of the private passenger or van type used to transport disabled persons and serve the owner's personal needs are Private Buses.
- (2) Vehicles that are used exclusively and are suitable only for busing are Public Buses.

This applies where the operating authority is for a bus. Limousine or taxi rating will apply where the operating authority licenses such activity.

This ruling takes immediate effect.

**ALBERTA AUTOMOBILE  
INSURANCE BOARD**

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