

**281.695 Powers of Department of Vehicle Regulation to regulate rates and service.**

- (1) The department has authority to fix or approve the rates, fares, charges, classifications, rules, and regulations of each common carrier, and to regulate operating schedules so as to insure adequate and convenient transportation service. If the department, after a hearing held upon its own motion or upon complaint, and in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B, finds any existing rate to be excessive, inadequate, unreasonable, or unjustly discriminatory, or finds the services rendered or facilities employed by any common carrier to be unsafe, inadequate, inconvenient, or in violation of law or of the administrative regulations of the department, it may determine the just and reasonable rate to be charged therefor, or the reasonable, safe, adequate, and convenient service to be thereafter furnished, and shall fix the same by final order. The department need not fix the same rates as are or may be fixed by other authorities for carriers engaged in other methods of transportation.
- (2) The department has authority to fix or approve the contracts and regulations of each contract carrier so as to insure adequate and convenient transportation service. If the department, after a hearing held as provided in subsection (1) of this section, finds any existing contract to be excessive, unreasonable, or unjustly discriminatory, or finds the services rendered or facilities employed by any contract carrier to be unsafe, inadequate, inconvenient, or in violation of law or of the administrative regulations of the department, it may determine the just and reasonable amounts to be charged therefor, or the reasonable, safe, adequate, and convenient service to be thereafter furnished, and shall fix the same by final order.

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