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CLASS B (WITH PASSENGER ENDORSEMENT) DRIVERS LICENSE

Today I had the opportunity to investigate the Class B driver license issue again. I asked four different authorities if Civil Air Patrol needs the class B driver license (with the passenger endorsement) for our 12 passenger vans in our fleet. Below are their answers.

CHP Commercial Enforcement Officer in Culver City.

We do need a Class B license with the passenger endorsement for vans that are designed for 10 persons or more including the driver. Seat removal has no bearing since it is the capacity of the designed vehicle not the number of passengers carried. Making the vehicle unable to hold the third seat does not change the capacity it was designed for. CHP also does not have the power to change vehicle designations and he joked that they are not able to make a 15 passenger van and recertify it as a Smart Car”.

CHP Commercial Enforcement Supervisor in Culver City.

We do need the class B driver license with the passenger endorsement for vans designed for 10 passengers including the driver. The enforcement is especially heavy at larger airports by CHP enforcement officers and airport police.

DMV Commercial Licensing Agent in Culver City

Absolutely need a Class B with the passenger endorsement for our type of vehicle.

DMV Investigator in Culver City

He stated that a Class B with the passenger endorsement is needed for vans designed for 10 passengers including the driver. Stated that investigators do look for “out of class driver” for vans designed for 10 passengers or more including the driver in accident cases.

I hope that this puts an end to this discussion about our Class B driver license.