

Bill No. 33-15
Concerning: Taxicabs – Transportation Services Improvement Fund
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Berliner
Co-Sponsors: Council Vice President Floreen and Councilmembers Rice, Riemer, Elrich, Katz,
Navarro and Hucker

AN ACT to:

- (1) create a Transportation Services Improvement Fund;
- (2) impose a per-trip surcharge on certain transportation network services to finance the Fund;
- (3) provide for disbursements from the Fund to be used to improve the delivery of accessible taxicab services and transportation to eligible senior citizens and persons of limited income; and
- (4) generally amend the law governing the licensing and regulation of taxicabs.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 53, Taxicabs
Article 8. Transportation Services Improvement Fund
Section 53-801

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Section 53-801 is added to Chapter 53 as follows:**

2 **Article 8. Transportation Services Improvement Fund**

3 **53-801. Transportation Services Improvement Fund**

4 (a) Definitions. In this section:

5 (1) Fund means the Transportation Services Improvement Fund
6 established in this Section.

7 (2) Transportation Network Services means "Transportation
8 Network Services" as defined in § 10-101 of the Public Utilities
9 Article of the Maryland Code.

10 (b) Fund established.

11 (1) There is a Transportation Services Improvement Fund created
12 to improve the delivery of:

13 (A) accessible transportation services in the County;

14 (B) transportation for eligible senior citizens; and

15 (C) transportation for persons of limited income.

16 (2) The Fund consists of:

17 (A) all revenue from the surcharge imposed on transportation
18 network services under this Section;

19 (B) all funds appropriated to it by the County Council; and

20 (C) all funds received by the Fund from any other public or
21 private entity.

22 (c) Per-ride surcharge. There is a \$0.25 surcharge on Transportation
23 Network Services for each trip originating in the County. The
24 surcharge must be collected as provided in § 10-406 of the Public
25 Utilities Article of the Maryland Code.

26 (d) Uses of the Fund. Disbursements from the Fund must be used to:

27 (1) offset the higher operational costs of accessible taxicab services
28 for owners and operators including, but not limited to:

- 29 (A) vehicle costs associated with purchasing and retrofitting
- 30 an accessible vehicle;
- 31 (B) [[extra fuel and maintenance costs associated with
- 32 operating an accessible vehicle]] costs associated with
- 33 receiving training in providing accessible transportation
- 34 services; and
- 35 (C) additional time involved in providing accessible taxicab
- 36 services; or
- 37 (2) provide incentives for improving or expanding transportation
- 38 options for:
- 39 (A) eligible senior citizens; or
- 40 (B) persons of limited income.
- 41 (e) Disbursements from the Fund. The Executive must by regulation
- 42 establish the procedure for determining when and how to make
- 43 distributions from the Fund to [[accessible]] taxicab owners and
- 44 operators, including setting eligibility standards, imposing conditions
- 45 of reimbursement, imposing a maximum amount of reimbursement,
- 46 and considering timely distribution of reimbursement to [[accessible]]
- 47 taxicab owners and operators.

Sec. 2. This Act takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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George Leventhal *7/23/15*

George Leventhal, President, County Council

Date

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

55 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Date