County Council
For Montgomery County, Maryland

By: Transportation and Environment Committee

An Expedited Act to:

(1) authorize the County Council to set by resolution adopted after a public hearing certain taxicab fees charged by the Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation;
(2) identify the circumstances under which this type of resolution takes effect; and
(3) generally amend the law governing fees charged to taxicab owners and drivers.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 53, Taxicabs and Limousines
Sections 53-107 and 53-206

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The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:
Sec. 1. Sections 53-107 and 53-206 are amended as follows:

53-107. Fees.

(a) [The Director may charge fees set by regulation adopted under method (2) in an amount necessary to administer this Chapter] The Council may set, by resolution adopted after a public hearing, fees that the Director must charge to administer this Chapter.

(b) Except as provided in Section 53-206, the Council must not set fees that in the aggregate exceed the cost of administering this Chapter.

(c) A Council resolution adopted under this section takes effect if the Executive:

(1) approves the resolution;

(2) disapproves the resolution within 10 days after it is adopted and the Council readopts it by a vote of six Councilmembers; or

(2) does not act within 10 days after the Council adopts the resolution.

53-206. License issuance; initial fee.

(a) The Director may issue a license only to a qualified applicant under this Chapter. An applicant is qualified if the applicant:

(1) meets all requirements of this Chapter and applicable regulations; and

(2) pays the initial license fee.

(b) The [Executive] Council must set the initial license fee by [regulation] resolution adopted under Section 53-107. In setting the amount of the fee, the [Executive] Council must consider:

(1) the County’s interest in encouraging competition and improving customer service;

(2) the value of the license in the private market; and
(3) the cost to the Department of processing applications and issuing the license.

Sec. 2. Transition.

The fees authorized by Section 53-107 and Section 53-206 before being amended by Section 1 of this Act, and in effect before this Act takes effect, must remain in effect until a Council resolution takes effect as provided under Section 53-107, as amended by Section 1 of this Act.

Sec. 3. Expedited Effective Date.

The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes law.

Approved:

George L. Leventhal, President, County Council

Date

Approved:

Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Date