

Expedited Bill No. 26-07
Concerning: Taxicabs – Passenger
Vehicle Licenses
Issuance: _____
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the request of the County Executive

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) authorize the Department of Public Works and Transportation to award up to a certain number of passenger vehicle licenses under certain circumstances; and
- (2) generally amend the County’s taxicab law.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 53, Taxicabs and Limousines
Sections 53-205 and 53-206

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. Sections 53-205 and 53-206 are amended as follows:**

2 **53-205. Periodic issuance of new licenses.**

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4 (f) Additional licenses – service to the public, including Call N Ride,
5 Medicaid, or similar programs.

6 (1) The Director may issue up to 200 passenger vehicle licenses in
7 addition to the licenses that are authorized under subsections (d)
8 and (e) if the Director finds that an existing or anticipated
9 reduction in service providers requires additional taxicabs to
10 ensure that adequate transportation services are provided to
11 both the public and through the Call N Ride, Medicaid, or
12 similar programs.

13 (2) The Director must not issue a passenger vehicle license under
14 this subsection to:

15 (A) An individual; or

16 (B) A fleet if the fleet already holds or controls, or would
17 then hold or control, more than 40% of the licenses then
18 in effect.

19 (3) The licensee must, within 30 days after the license is issued,
20 submit proof to the Director that the licensee has entered into a
21 contract with the County to provide Call N Ride, Medicaid, or
22 other similar services. The Director may extend this time
23 period for good cause.

24 (4) The licensee must return any license issued under this
25 subsection to the Department if the contract required in
26 subsection (f)(3) expires or is terminated.

27 (5) The Director may use any appropriate mechanism to distribute

28 the passenger vehicle licenses under this subsection in a manner
29 that ensures competition and achieves an adequate level of
30 support for service to the public, including the services
31 provided through Call N Ride, Medicaid, or similar services.

32 [(f)] (g) *Individual limit.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this
33 Section, the Director must not issue more than 10 new or reissued
34 licenses in any 2-year period to any licensee that holds or controls
35 more than 40% of the licenses then in effect.

36 **Sec. 53-206. License issuance; initial fee.**

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38 (c) The Director must not charge an application fee for any fleet that
39 applies for a passenger vehicle license issued under Section 53-205(f).

40 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.** The Council declares that this
41 legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This
42 Act takes effect on the date when it becomes law.

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Marilyn J. Praisner, President, County Council Date

46 *Approved:*

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date

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