Expedited Bill No. 13-18
Concerning: Taxicabs – Transportation Services Improvement Fund – Use of Fund
Revised: 09/27/2018 Draft No. 2
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COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

(1) provide for disbursements from the Transportation Services Improvement Fund for **[[**any transportation purpose**]]** specific purposes;
(2) require that the Fund be used to supplement, and not supplant, previously appropriated expenditures; and
(3) generally amend the law governing the licensing and regulation of taxicabs.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 53, Taxicabs
Section 53-801

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

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

Sec. 1. Section 53-801 is amended as follows:

53-801. Transportation Services Improvement Fund.

(a) *Definitions.* In this section:

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

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

(b) *Fund established.*

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

(A) accessible transportation services in the County;

(B) transportation for eligible senior citizens; and

(C) transportation for persons of limited income**] [[**to be used for transportation purposes in the County**]]** created to improve the delivery of:

(A) accessible transportation services in the County;

(B) transportation for eligible senior citizens; and

(C) transportation for persons of limited income.

(2) The Fund consists of:

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

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

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

(c) *Per-ride surcharge.* There is a $0.25 surcharge on Transportation Network Services for each trip originating in the County. The surcharge

must be collected as provided in §10-406 of the Public Utilities Article of the Maryland Code.

(d) **[***Uses***]** *Use of the Fund.* Disbursements from the Fund must only be used **[**to**]** **[[**for transportation purposes in the County.**]]** to supplement, and must not supplant, Fiscal Year 2019 expenditures appropriated in the annual operating budget resolution to: **[**:

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

(A) vehicle costs associated with purchasing and retrofitting an accessible vehicle;

(B) costs associated with receiving training in providing accessible transportation services; and

(C) additional time involved in providing accessible taxicab services; or

(2) provide incentives for improving or expanding transportation options for:

(A) eligible senior citizens; or

(B) persons of limited income.

(e) *Disbursements from the Fund.* The Executive must by regulation establish the procedure for determining when and how to make distributions from the Fund to taxicab owners and operators, including setting eligibility standards, imposing conditions of reimbursement, imposing a maximum amount of reimbursement, and considering timely distribution of reimbursement to taxicab owners and operators.**]**

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(C) additional time involved in providing accessible taxicab services; or

(2) provide incentives or program enhancements to improve or expand transportation options for:

(A) persons with disabilities;

(B) eligible senior citizens; or

(C) persons of limited income.

(e) *Disbursements from the Fund.* The Executive must by regulation establish the procedure for determining when and how to make distributions from the Fund to taxicab owners and operators, including setting eligibility standards, imposing conditions of reimbursement, imposing a maximum amount of reimbursement, and considering timely distribution of reimbursement to taxicab owners and operators.

Sec. 2. 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:

Hans D. Riemer, President, County Council — Date: Oct 18 2018

Approved:

Isiah Leggett, County Executive — Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq., Clerk of the Council — Date