

Expedited Bill No. 13-18
Concerning: Taxicabs – Transportation
Services Improvement Fund – Use of
Fund
Revised: 09/27/2018 Draft No. 2
Introduced: April 3, 2018
Enacted: October 16, 2018
Executive: October 25, 2018
Effective: October 25, 2018
Sunset Date: None
Ch. 30, Laws of Mont. Co. 2018

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	<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 amended as follows:**

2 **53-801. Transportation Services Improvement Fund.**

3 (a) *Definitions.* In this section:

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

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

9 (b) *Fund established.*

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

12 (A) accessible transportation services in the County;

13 (B) transportation for eligible senior citizens; and

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

17 (A) accessible transportation services in the County;

18 (B) transportation for eligible senior citizens; and

19 (C) transportation for persons of limited income.

20 (2) The Fund consists of:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 (A) eligible senior citizens; or

45 (B) persons of limited income.

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

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

54 (A) vehicle costs associated with purchasing and retrofitting an

- 55 accessible vehicle;
- 56 (B) costs associated with receiving training in providing
- 57 accessible transportation services; and
- 58 (C) additional time involved in providing accessible taxicab
- 59 services; or
- 60 (2) provide incentives or program enhancements to improve or expand
- 61 transportation options for:
- 62 (A) persons with disabilities;
- 63 (B) eligible senior citizens; or
- 64 (C) persons of limited income.
- 65 (e) *Disbursements from the Fund.* The Executive must by regulation
- 66 establish the procedure for determining when and how to make
- 67 distributions from the Fund to taxicab owners and operators, including
- 68 setting eligibility standards, imposing conditions of reimbursement,
- 69 imposing a maximum amount of reimbursement, and considering timely
- 70 distribution of reimbursement to taxicab owners and operators.

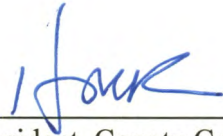
71 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.**

72 The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate

73 protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes

74 law.

Approved:

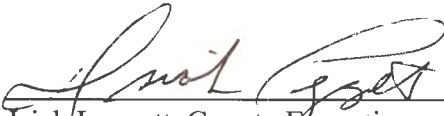


Oct 18 2018

Hans D. Riemer, President, County Council

Date

Approved:



Oct 25, 2018

Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.



October 30, 2018

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq., Clerk of the Council

Date