Expedited Bill No. 19-24
Concerning: Taxicab Licenses – Amended Requirements
Revised: 10/21/2024 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) extend the age limit for vehicles that are permitted to provide taxicab service in the County;
(2) modify the standards required for a taxicab driver identification card;
(3) clarify certain language as it pertains to reporting accidents involving taxicabs; and
(4) generally amend the laws governing the licensing and regulation of taxicabs.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 53, Taxicabs
Sections 53-216, 53-228, 53-311 and 53-319

Laws of Montgomery County 2021
Chapter 38

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. Sections 53-216, 53-228, 53-311, and 53-319 are amended, as follows:

ARTICLE 2. TAXICAB LICENSES.

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Division 3. Duties of Licensees.

53-216. Notice of change of address.

Each licensee must notify the Department, in writing, not **[**less**]** more than 2 business days after changing:

(a) a business or residential address;

(b) a required telephone number; or

(c) any officer, principal, partner, or managing agent, or any other person who effectively controls the operations of a licensee.

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Division 5. Taxicab Vehicles.

53-228. Age of vehicles.

(a) **[**A licensee must not use any vehicle that is more than ten model years old to provide taxicab service in the County.**]** Except for vehicles that are hybrid, electric, or wheelchair accessible, a licensee must not use any vehicle that is older than ten model years to provide taxicab service in the County.

(b) A licensee must not use any hybrid, electric, or wheelchair accessible vehicle that is older than twelve model years to provide taxicab service in the County.

(c) As used in this Chapter, the "model year" of a vehicle is the year designated by the vehicle manufacturer, as indicated on the vehicle or in the manufacturer's records. A licensee may continue to maintain a taxicab vehicle in service until the **[**next**]** December **[**31**]** 31st of the

succeeding calendar year [after its tenth model year ends] after a taxicab vehicle ages out of service due to the end of its model year, if the vehicle passes a comprehensive safety inspection performed during the [preceding] month of August of the vehicle's final model year by a state-certified inspector in good standing.

[(b)] (d) The Director may waive this requirement only to maintain an accessible taxicab in service for no more than 90 days when the licensee shows that no adequate replacement vehicle was available for purchase during the preceding 90 days.

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ARTICLE 3. TAXICAB DRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

Division 3. Duties of Drivers.

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53-311. Notice of change of address.

Each driver must notify the Department, in writing, not [less] more than 2 business days after changing a business or residential address or required telephone number.

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53-319. Accident reports.

(a) [Each driver must submit to the licensee not] Not more than 24 hours after [the] an accident [a written report of any accident] involving [an in-service] a taxicab [operated by the driver if], the driver of the taxicab must submit to the licensee and the Department a written report which provides a detailed account of the accident and whether any property was [damages] damaged or any person was injured.

53 (b) The report must include the driver's name; driver's identification card
54 number; taxicab number; date, location, time, and description of the
55 accident; and whether a police report was filed.
56 (c) The Police Department must forward any official police report of an
57 accident involving a taxicab licensed under this Chapter to the
58 Department when it is available to any party.
59 **Sec. 2. Section 3 of Chapter 38 of the Laws of Montgomery County 2021 is**
60 **amended as follows:**
61 **[Sec. 3. Sunset.** This Act must sunset, and must have no further force or effect
62 on December 31, 2024.**]**
63 **Sec. 3. Expedited Effective Date.** The Council declares that this legislation
64 is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect
65 on the date when it becomes law.

Approved:

November 12, 2024

Andrew Friedson, President, County Council — Date

Approved:

November 21, 2024

Marc Elrich, County Executive — Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

November 21, 2024

Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council — Date