

Bill No. 33-15  
Concerning: Taxicabs – Transportation  
Services Improvement Fund  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Berliner  
Co-Sponsors: Council Vice President Floreen and Councilmembers Rice, Riemer, Elrich, Katz,  
Navarro and Hucker

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) create a Transportation Services Improvement Fund;
- (2) impose a per-trip surcharge on certain transportation network services to finance the Fund;
- (3) provide for disbursements from the Fund to be used to improve the delivery of accessible taxicab services and transportation to eligible senior citizens and persons of limited income; and
- (4) generally amend the law governing the licensing and regulation of taxicabs.

By adding

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 53, Taxicabs  
Article 8. Transportation Services Improvement Fund  
Section 53-801

<b>Boldface</b>	<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 added to Chapter 53 as follows:**

2                   **Article 8. Transportation Services Improvement Fund**

3           **53-801. Transportation Services Improvement Fund**

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

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

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

10          (b) *Fund established.*

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

13                                   (A) accessible transportation services in the County;

14                                   (B) transportation for eligible senior citizens; and

15                                   (C) transportation for persons of limited income.

16                  (2) The Fund consists of:

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

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

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

22          (c) *Per-ride surcharge.* There is a \$0.25 surcharge on Transportation  
23                                   Network Services for each trip originating in the County. The  
24                                   surcharge must be collected as provided in § 10-406 of the Public  
25                                   Utilities Article of the Maryland Code.

26          (d) *Uses of the Fund.* Disbursements from the Fund must be used to:

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

- 29                   (A) vehicle costs associated with purchasing and retrofitting  
 30                   an accessible vehicle;  
 31                   (B) [[extra fuel and maintenance costs associated with  
 32                   operating an accessible vehicle]] costs associated with  
 33                   receiving training in providing accessible transportation  
 34                   services; and  
 35                   (C) additional time involved in providing accessible taxicab  
 36                   services; or  
 37                   (2) provide incentives for improving or expanding transportation  
 38                   options for:  
 39                   (A) eligible senior citizens; or  
 40                   (B) persons of limited income.  
 41                   (e) Disbursements from the Fund.    The Executive must by regulation  
 42                   establish the procedure for determining when and how to make  
 43                   distributions from the Fund to [[accessible]] taxicab owners and  
 44                   operators, including setting eligibility standards, imposing conditions  
 45                   of reimbursement, imposing a maximum amount of reimbursement,  
 46                   and considering timely distribution of reimbursement to [[accessible]]  
 47                   taxicab owners and operators.

48                   Sec. 2. This Act takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.  
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51 *Approved:*

52 George Leventhal 7/23/15  
George Leventhal, President, County Council Date

53 *Approved:*

54 Isiah Leggett July 31, 2015  
Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

55 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

56 Linda M. Lauer August 5, 2015  
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date