

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 7/25/2000

Reference No.: CB-49-2000

Proposer: Hendershot

Draft No.: 3

Sponsors: Hendershot

Item Title: An Act to amend the provisions of the Code regulating taxicabs; to provide for increased rates; to change terms and duties of Taxicab Board Members and to amend requirements for Certificates of Registration

Drafter: Frank A. Porter, Director
Public Safety & Fiscal
Management Committee

Resource Carol B. White
Personnel: Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 5/23/2000

Executive Action: 8/7/2000 S

Committee Referral: 5/23/2000 PSFM

Effective Date: 9/22/2000

Committee Action: 6/19/2000 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 6/27/2000

Public Hearing: 7/25/2000 2:00 P.M.

Council Action: 7/25/2000 ENACTED

Council Votes: DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Date: 6/19/00

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 3-0, (In favor: Council Members Wilson, Maloney and Scott).

This bill will amend certain definitions and provisions of the code regulating taxicabs and limousines; change various fees and fines; mandate insurance coverage in an amount required by State law; amend the requirements for certificates of registration; increase the rates; and otherwise generally relate to the regulations of taxicabs and limousines in the County.

The Office of Business and Regulatory Affairs, Council Member Maloney, John Lally

representing Silver Cab and members of the industry, recommended proposed amendments to the legislation. After a lengthy discussion of the legislation with representatives of the taxicab industry, the committee approved the proposed amendments.

Stanley Bretner, representing Bluebird Checker Yellow Transportation Services, expressed his displeasure with the legislation and requested that it be held in Committee.

There will be a positive fiscal impact on the County related to increased fee and fine amounts from licenses for taxicab drivers, certificates (annual and transfers, citations and no smoking violations. Additional revenue may be realized as a result of increasing the number of certificates annually by 10% in calendar years 2002-2006.

The estimated income for FY2000-01 is approximately \$86,400. For FY2001-2006, based on increases in certificates and additional licenses issued, the approximate positive fiscal impact would be as follows:

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2001 - 2002	\$ 112,290
2002 - 2003	121,351
2003 - 2004	130,870
2004 - 2005	140,860
2005 - 2006	151,334

The first year positive fiscal impact will be offset by increased costs of approximately \$39,500 for cellars, telephones/pagers, vehicles, gas and oil costs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This bill will amend the provisions of the Code regulating taxicabs, change the terms and duties of Taxicab Board Members, amend requirements for Certificates of Registration, change various fee and fine structures, limit the permissible age and mileage of cabs and otherwise relate to the regulation of taxicabs.

CODE INDEX TOPICS: