



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Chairman

Mel Franklin

Councilman District 9

March 18, 2015

The Hon. Douglas J.J. Peters, Chair
Prince George's County Senate Delegation
James Senate Office Building, Room 120
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Hon. Jay Walker, Chair
Prince George's County House Delegation
Lowe House Office Building, Room 207E
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: Prince George's County Delegation Bill Position

Dear Senator Peters & Delegate Walker:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Prince George's County Council, to transmit our position on pending proposed State legislation for the 2015 General Assembly Session. The Council met on March 17, 2015. The enclosed report reflects our position on General Assembly bills as they are currently drafted.

The Council appreciates the opportunity to work together with you and your colleagues to address issues important to our citizens and the operation of Prince George's County. Should you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me. For your convenience my office phone number is (301) 952-3820. Thanks again, for favorable consideration of the Council's position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mel Franklin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mel Franklin
Chair

Attachments

cc: Senator Thomas M. Middleton, Chair, Finance
Senator Bobby A. Zirkin, Chair, Judicial Proceedings
Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chair, Environment and Transportation
Delegate Joseph F. Vallario, Jr., Chair, Judiciary
Hon. Rushern L. Baker, III, County Executive
Ms. Lisa L. Jackson, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs

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RULES & GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Prince George's County Council met on March 17, 2015 with the following Members present:

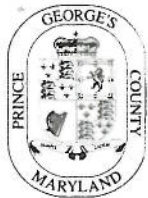
Council Member Mel Franklin, Chair
Council Member Derrick L. Davis, Vice Chair
Council Member Todd M. Turner
Council Member Andrea C. Harrison
Council Member Deni Taveras
Council Member Obie Patterson
Council Member Dannielle M. Glaros
Council Member Karen R. Toles

The Council voted for the following positions on these respective bills:



BILL CONSIDERATION

1. **SB 868/ HB 1231** **Statewide**
Public Utilities – Transportation Network Services – **SUPPORT**
w/AMENDMENT
2. **SB 172/HB 618** Juveniles – Transfer Determinations – Confinement in Juvenile
Facilities – **SUPPORT**



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MEL FRANKLIN, Chair
Council Member – District 9

POSITION STATEMENT

SB 868/HB 1231

Public Utilities – Transportation Network Services

POSITION:

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

This bill authorizes the establishment of Transportation Network Services in the State and provides regulatory framework for drivers working for ridesharing companies. The legislation defines Transportation Network Services as ridesharing acts, ridesharing companies as Transportation Network Application Companies and their drivers as Transportation Network Operators. Essentially, this bill would give Uber and other popular app-based car services permanent legal status in Maryland.

Additionally, the Transportation Network Services legislation lays out a structure for drivers working for ridesharing companies to report their rates to the Public Service Commission, and it codifies safety, driver background check and insurance protocols that ridesharing companies and their drivers would have to follow.

The Prince George's County Council supports SB 868-15 with amendments that would remove the preemption of local governments to regulate Transportation Network Application Companies and operators.

Therefore, the County Council recommended a position of SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT on **SB 868-15** with the proposed amendment and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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March 18, 2015

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