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**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Legislative Session \_\_\_\_\_ 1990 \_\_\_\_\_

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ CB-122-1990 \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ 79 \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed and Presented by The Chairman (by request -  
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County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Casula, Castaldi, Mills,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bell, Pemberton, and Wilson

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_ October 16, 1990 \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**AN EMERGENCY ACT** concerning

Fuel Surcharge for Taxicabs

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Taxicab Board to establish a fuel cost rate surcharge under certain conditions and for a limited period of time.

BY adding:

SUBTITLE 20. TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES  
FOR HIRE.

Section 20-160.1,  
The Prince George's County Code  
(1987 Edition, 1989 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 20-160.1 be and the same is

hereby added to the Prince George's County Code to read as follows:

**SUBTITLE 20. TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE.**

**DIVISION 7. RATES AND METERS.**

**Sec. 20-160.1. Emergency Fuel Cost Surcharge.**

(a) If the Taxicab Board finds that the average retail price per gallon of fuel has increased by Forty Cents (\$0.40) or more over the average retail price per gallon on August 1, 1990, the Taxicab Board may, by majority vote of its membership, establish a Fuel Cost Emergency.

(b) During such emergency, the Taxicab Board may set an amount which may be charged per trip in addition to the rates established in Section 20-160.

(c) The fuel cost emergency surcharge established by the Taxicab Board may not exceed the following:

<u>Surcharge</u>	<u>Base Fare</u>
<u>\$0.50</u>	<u>\$1.00 to \$10.00</u>
<u>\$1.00</u>	<u>\$10.01 or more.</u>

(d) The fuel cost emergency surcharge may not be charged to any person who is confined to a wheelchair, or is aged sixty (60) and over, or who is blind.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that an emergency is hereby declared to exist affecting the health, safety and welfare, the emergency being the necessity to authorize the Taxicab Board to establish a fuel cost emergency surcharge to alleviate the economic burden encountered by the taxicab industry as a result of the escalation of the cost of fuel since August 2, 1990.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on the day it becomes law and shall remain in effect for a period of one year and, at the end of one year, with no further

action required, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Adopted this 13th day of November, 1990, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jo Ann T. Bell  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jean M. Schmuhl, CMC  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: November 28, 1990

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parris N. Glendening  
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.