

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: 4/25/2000

Reference No.: CB-23-2000

Proposer: Maloney

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Maloney

Item Title: An Emergency Act concerning Fuel Surcharge for
Taxicab Rates providing a fuel cost rate surcharge for a
limited period of time

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Resource Andrew D. Eppelmann
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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: __/__/__

Committee Referral: 3/28/2000 PSFM

Effective Date: __/__/__

Committee Action: 3/30/2000 NR

Date Introduced: 3/28/2000

Public Hearing: 4/25/2000 1:30 P.M.

Council Action: 4/25/2000 NO ACTION TAKEN

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

Pass/Fail: __

Remarks: _____

PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Date: 3/30/00

Committee Vote: No Recommendation, 4-0, (In favor: Councilmembers Wilson, Maloney, Russell and Scott).

This emergency bill will provide for the establishment of a fuel cost rate surcharge on taxicab rates for a limited period of time and under certain conditions.

The fuel cost emergency surcharge shall be:

\$.75 for a base fare from \$1.00 to \$10.00
\$1.25 for a base fare from \$10.01 or more.

The Office of Law stated that the language on page 2, lines 6 and 7, may expose the County to liability under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disparate treatment of certain similarly situated disabled persons. They recommend that the language on page 2, lines 6 and 7, be removed, thereby creating an exception to the surcharge for certain disabled persons.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-23-2000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

County law establishes taxicab rates. Those rates were last set effective January 1992. Since those rates were last established, one of the costs of operating taxicabs, the price of motor vehicle fuel, has increased. The proposed legislation would declare an emergency due to an unexpected and precipitous increase in the price of motor vehicle fuel and provide for a two-level surcharge from the effective date of the legislation until November 30, 2000.

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