PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: 5/9/2000 Reference No.: CB-24-2000

Proposer: County Executive **Draft No.:** 3

Sponsors: Bailey, Wilson, Shapiro, Scott and Russell

Item Title: An Emergency Act authorizing the establishment of a

fuel cost rate surcharge under certain conditions and

providing for the termination of this Act

Drafter: Barbara L. Holtz **Resource** Sandra F. Peaches

Law **Personnel:** OBRA

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 3/28/2000 Executive Action: 5/9/2000 S

Committee Referral: 3/28/2000 PSFM Effective Date: 5/9/2000

Committee Action: 3/30/00 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 4/4/2000

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

Council Action: 4/25/2000 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: 3/30/00

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0, (Councilmembers Wilson, Maloney, Russell and Scott).

This emergency bill will authorize the establishment of a fuel cost surcharge on existing taxicab rates. The surcharge will be a supplement to current taxicab rates due to the high cost of gasoline and the need to assure the availability of taxicab transportation to meet the needs of the citizens of the County. This legislation becomes effective once the average price of regular gasoline fuel has exceeded \$1.50 per gallon. This emergency bill will expire one year from the date it becomes law.

The Office of Law recommended that the legislation be amended on page 1, line 13 to reflect the

repeal and reenactment of Section 20-160.01.

On page 1, line 18, the average retail price of regular gasoline in the region was reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.50 per gallon.

On page 2, lines 3-7, the fuel cost emergency surcharge will be set at \$1.00 for each fare.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-24-2000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

This legislation will authorize the establishment of a fuel cost rate surcharge under certain conditions and for a limited period of time.

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