

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2011 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-3-2011

Chapter No. 5

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Campos

Introduced by Council Member Campos

Co-Sponsors _____

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BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Taxicabs and Limousines

3 For the purpose of amending provisions of the County Code regulating taxicabs relating to the
4 transfer of and number of certificates of registration and driver's licenses.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 **SUBTITLE 20. TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES.**
7 Sections 20-107, 20-155 and 20-156,
8 The Prince George's County Code
9 (2007 Edition, 2010 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Sections 20-107, 20-155 and 20-156 of the Prince George's County Code be and
12 the same are repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 **SUBTITLE 20. TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES.**

14 **DIVISION 4. DRIVER'S LICENSE (IDENTIFICATION CARD).**

15 **Sec. 20-107. Application**

16 (a) In order to obtain a license (I.D. Card) as a taxicab or limousine driver, the
17 applicant shall be of good moral character, of sound mind, and good physical health. In addition,
18 the applicant shall meet the following conditions:

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20 (b) [The Director shall issue fifty (50) new driver's licenses prior to September 30,
21 2011. After October 1, 2011, the Director shall not issue new drivers' licenses in an amount

1 exceeding ten percent (10%) of the total number of certificates issued in the County for the
2 calendar year. Where such licenses have been issued prior to October 1, 2011, in excess of ten
3 percent (10%), they shall remain valid subject to the requirements of this Subtitle but no new
4 licenses shall be issued nor shall previously-issued licenses that have lapsed be reissued until
5 such numbers come into compliance with the ten percent (10%) of the total number of
6 certificates issued.

7 (c)] Any person found to have assisted the applicant in meeting the requirements of this
8 section through fraudulent means, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject
9 to a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment not to exceed six (6)
10 months, or both.

11 **DIVISION 6. CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR**
12 **TAXICAB AND LIMOUSINES.**

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14 **Sec. 20-155. Transfer of certificates.**

15 (a) When the owner of a vehicle registered under these regulations has transferred the title
16 of the vehicle to a new owner, or has otherwise relinquished the use of the vehicle for hire, upon
17 sufficient proof thereof to the Director, the certificate holder may have the certificate transferred
18 to another vehicle to be used by him for hire in accordance with this Subtitle and State law, and
19 thereupon the Director, upon receipt of payment of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), shall issue a
20 new certificate to the owner for the replacement vehicle for the balance of the registration year,
21 provided that the replacement vehicle meets all the requirements of this Subtitle.

22 (b) A certificate may be transferred provided that the following requirements have been
23 met:

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25 [(7) No certificate issued in the name of an individual owner after October 1, 2010
26 shall be transferred to a multiple owner.]

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28 **Sec. 20-156. Limitation on number of certificates.**

29 (a) The Director shall issue to the owner for each taxicab and for each limousine a
30 certificate containing the information required by this Subtitle. [As of October 1, 2010 t]The
31 number of valid certificates is limited at any given time to one thousand [one hundred] forty four

1 (1,044) [seventy five (1,175)], of which fifteen (15) certificates shall be designated for taxicabs
 2 specially equipped for the transportation of passengers in wheelchairs, and fifty (50) for
 3 limousines. The Director may [shall] issue an additional fifteen (15) certificates for taxicabs
 4 equipped to transport passengers in wheelchairs and an additional one hundred (100) [seventy-
 5 five (75)] certificates each calendar year beginning on October 1, 2011 [until October 1, 2016]
 6 pursuant to subsection (b) below, unless the number of valid certificates would exceed a ratio of
 7 one per thousand (1/1,000) population in the County, as computed in the most recent decennial
 8 U.S. Census or update published by the appropriate federal agency [Council, by resolution, after
 9 the annual review shall reduce or eliminate the number of certificates to be issued. All
 10 certificates issued after September 30, 2010 shall be individual owner certificates pursuant to
 11 Sec. 20-152(a)(i)]. The County Council shall, annually review by July 15th, with consultation
 12 with the Director and Taxicab Board, the allocation the total number of certificates by the
 13 appropriate class under Sec. 20-152 of this Subtitle

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15 (c) The Director shall restrict the number of individual owner and multiple owner
 16 certificates such that:

17 (1) the number of individual owner certificates will be no lower than twenty-five
 18 percent (25%) and no higher than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of certificates
 19 issued; and

20 (2) the number of multiple owner certificates will be no lower than twenty-five
 21 percent (25%) and no higher than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of certificates
 22 issued.

23 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
 24 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
 25 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
 26 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
 27 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
 28 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
 29 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

30 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45)
 31 calendar days after it becomes law.

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Adopted this 5th day of July, 2011.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Ingrid M. Turner
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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