

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2000 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-23-2000

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Maloney

Introduced by Council Member Maloney

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction March 28, 2000

EMERGENCY BILL

1 AN EMERGENCY ACT concerning

2 Fuel Surcharge for Taxicab Rates

3 For the purpose of providing a fuel cost rate surcharge for a limited period of time.

4 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

5 SUBTITLE 20. TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE.

6 Section 20-160.01,

7 The Prince George's County Code

8 (1999 Edition).

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
10 Maryland, that Section 20-160.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
11 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

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

13 **DIVISION 7. RATES AND METERS.**

14 **Sec. 20-160.01. Emergency Fuel Cost Surcharge.**

15 (a) [If the Taxicab Board] The County Council finds that the average retail price per gallon
16 of regular grade gasoline [fuel] has increased by forty cents (\$0.40) or more over the average
17 retail price per gallon on August 1, [1990,] 1991 [the Taxicab Board may, by majority vote of its
18 membership, establish] and declares a Fuel Cost Emergency.

19 (b) During such emergency, [the Taxicab Board may set an amount which] a fuel cost
20 emergency surcharge may be charged per trip in addition to the rates established in Section 20-
21 160.

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

<i>Surcharge</i>	<i>Base Fare</i>
[\$0.50] <u>\$0.75</u>	\$1.00 to \$10.00
[\$1.00] <u>\$1.25</u>	\$10.01 or more

(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 in accordance with the provisions of Section 317 of the Charter, the County Council hereby declares that a public emergency exists affecting the public health, safety, and welfare; said emergency being an unpredictable and precipitous increase in the cost of motor vehicle fuel that significantly exceeds the cost of fuel included within the regular rates approved in Section 20-160 of the County Code, effective on January 27, 1992.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act remain in effect until November 30, 2000, after such date these provisions shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on the date it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2000, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the full County Council.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Dorothy F. Bailey
Chair

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Wayne K. Curry
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.