

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2023 Legislative Session

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Date: 10/12/2023

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Dernoga, Hawkins, Ivey, and Watson).

The Committee convened on October 12, 2023, to discuss this legislation, which amends subtitle 20 of the County code pertaining to the regulation of taxicabs in the county and removes references to the regulation of limousines in the county, as this authority belongs to the Maryland Public Service Commission.

The taxicab board revisions:

Specify that the County Executive designates the Chair;

Updates the code to reflect the Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPWT) as the agency that provides assistance and budgetary responsibility;

Adds the requirement of proof of good standing with the state for county taxicab license renewal;

Authorizes taxicab license revocation for a minimum of 1 year after 60 days of operation without a renewed license;

Modifies the fine for operating without a license (or with a suspended license) from \$50 per day to \$25 per day, not to exceed \$1,500

The Committee discussed the current state of the taxicab industry in the County. DPWT staff indicated that the last count of active medallions was approximately 360 in 2019, and the agency will conduct a mass inspection in November. All Council Staff provided technical amendments, updating references to state law and capping the amount for fines at \$1,000 per state law. The County Executive's office and DPWT agreed with these amendments.

After discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CB-89-2023 as amended by a vote of 5-0.