

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2015 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-72-2015

Chapter No. 48

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Turner, Franklin, Lehman and Glaros

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Franklin, Lehman, Glaros and Taveras

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction October 6, 2015

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Transportation Network Company Services -
3 Transportation Services Improvement Fund

4 For the purpose of creating a Transportation Services Improvement Fund; imposing a per-trip
5 surcharge on certain transportation network services to finance the Fund; providing for
6 disbursements from the Fund to be used for transportation purposes; and generally regarding
7 Transportation Network Services.

8 BY adding:

9 SUBTITLE 20A. TRANSPORTATION.
10 Section 20A-212,
11 The Prince George's County Code
12 (2011 Edition; 2014 Supplement).

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
14 Maryland, that Section 20A-212 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
15 added:

SUBTITLE 20A. TRANSPORTATION.

DIVISION 3. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Sec. 20A-212. Transportation Services Improvement Fund.

19 (a) Definitions. In this section:

20 (1) Fund means the Transportation Services Improvement Fund established in this
21 Section.

1 (2) Transportation Network Services means “Transportation Network Services” as
 2 defined in 10-101 of the Public Utilities Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

3 (b) Fund established.

4 (1) There is a Transportation Services Improvement Fund created to improve the
 5 delivery of:

6 (A) bus service in the County; and

7 (B) accessible transportation services in the County.

8 (2) The Fund consists of:

9 (A) all revenue from the surcharge imposed on transportation network services
 10 under this Section;

11 (B) all funds appropriated to it by the County Council; and

12 (C) all funds received by the Fund from any other public or private entity.

13 (c) Per-ride surcharge. There is a \$0.25 surcharge on Transportation Network Services for
 14 each trip originating in the County. The surcharge must be collected as provided in 10-406 of
 15 the Public Utilities Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

16 (d) Uses of the Fund. Disbursements from the Fund must be used to:

17 (1) increase, but not supplant, existing funding for bus transportation services in the
 18 County, including, but not limited to:

19 (A) vehicle costs associated with the purchase, operation, and maintenance of
 20 County buses;

21 (B) increased frequency of bus service in order to reduce wait times for transit
 22 riders for existing County bus routes;

23 (C) the creation of new or expanded bus routes to serve transit riders in
 24 underserved areas in the County;

25 (D) the retrofit of roads to accommodate bus service, including, but not limited
 26 to, dedicated bus lanes; or

27 (2) offset the higher operational costs of accessible taxicab services for owners and
 28 operators, including, but not limited to:

29 (A) vehicle costs associated with purchasing and retrofitting an accessible
 30 vehicle;

31 (B) extra fuel and maintenance costs associated with operating an accessible

1 vehicle;

2 (C) costs associated with receiving training in providing accessible transportation
3 services; and

4 (D) additional time involved in providing accessible taxicab services.

5 (e) Disbursements from the Fund. The County Executive shall by regulation establish the
6 procedures for determining when and how to make distributions from the Fund, subject to
7 approval of such regulations by resolution of the County Council.

8 (f) The County Executive of Prince George's County shall prepare an annual report on the
9 Transportation Services Improvement Funds surcharge on or before December 1 of each fiscal
10 year for the County Council of Prince George's County, to include:

11 (1) A detailed description of how the fees were expended; and

12 (2) The amount of fees collected.

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

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

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2015.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Mel Franklin
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive