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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **For-Hire Driving Services - Annual Assessment**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain annual assessment on certain vehicle permits to
4 provide for-hire driving services; altering the qualifications for a certain
5 exclusion from the assessment; and providing for a certain annual report to
6 certain committees of the General Assembly.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Public Utility Companies
9 Section 10-112(d)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Public Utility Companies
14 Section 10-112(f)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1998 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

2 10-112.

3 (d) (1) The Fund consists of assessments made on permits for vehicles
4 regulated by the Commission to provide for-hire driving services in the State.5 (2) The Commission shall establish an assessment not exceeding [\$40]
6 \$50 to be paid annually with respect to each vehicle permit to provide for-hire driving
7 services, except for a vehicle permit to be used exclusively for:8 (i) limousine service IN A VEHICLE THAT:9 1. HAS BEEN MODIFIED OR STRETCHED FOR
10 TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS; AND11 2. IS EQUIPPED WITH AMENITIES NOT NORMALLY
12 PROVIDED IN PASSENGER CARS, INCLUDING A CUSTOM INTERIOR, TELEVISION,
13 VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER, MUSICAL SOUND SYSTEM, TELEPHONE, ICE STORAGE
14 AREA, ADDITIONAL INTERIOR LIGHTING, AND DRIVER-PASSENGER
15 COMMUNICATION SUCH AS AN INTERCOM OR POWER-OPERATED DRIVER PARTITION;
16 or

17 (ii) employee van transportation to or from a designated work site.

18 (F) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE
19 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE
20 FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE ON:21 (1) THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS COLLECTED IN THE PRECEDING
22 FISCAL YEAR;23 (2) THE EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL
24 YEAR;25 (3) ESTIMATED COLLECTIONS AND EXPENDITURES DURING THE NEXT
26 FISCAL YEAR;27 (4) ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY THE FUND,
28 INCLUDING THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF INFRACTIONS; AND29 (5) ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT OF
30 FOR-HIRE DRIVING SERVICES, INCLUDING WHETHER LIMOUSINE SERVICES SHOULD
31 BE INCLUDED IN THE ENFORCEMENT EFFORT SUPPORTED BY THE FUND AND THE
32 BASIS FOR THIS RECOMMENDATION.33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 July 1, 2001.

