
By: **Delegates Goodwin, Fulton, and Oaks**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Limousines - Luxury Sedans**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "limousine" to establish a maximum age
4 limit for certain limousines and to include certain luxury sedans; repealing an
5 exemption from a certain annual assessment for a vehicle used exclusively for
6 limousine service; providing that certain vehicles may be registered as
7 limousines if the vehicles were registered as limousines before a certain date
8 and vehicle ownership is not transferred on or after a certain date; and
9 generally relating to limousines.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Public Utility Companies
12 Section 10-112
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1998 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Transportation
17 Section 11-129.1
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
21 Article - Transportation
22 Section 13-936(a)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

2 10-112.

3 (a) There is a For-Hire Driving Services Enforcement Fund.

4 (b) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the
5 State Finance and Procurement Article.

6 (c) The purpose of the Fund is to provide adequate resources for the
7 Commission to enforce the requirements of this title concerning for-hire driving
8 services.

9 (d) (1) The Fund consists of assessments made on permits for vehicles
10 regulated by the Commission to provide for-hire driving services in the State.

11 (2) The Commission shall establish an assessment not exceeding \$40 to
12 be paid annually with respect to each vehicle permit to provide for-hire driving
13 services, except for a vehicle permit to be used exclusively for[

14 (i) limousine service; or

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

16 (e) The Fund is to be used solely for statewide enforcement activities of the
17 Commission relating to taxicab services and sedan services.

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 11-129.1.

20 "Limousine" means a vehicle that:

21 (1) (I) 1. Has been modified or stretched for transportation of
22 passengers; [and]

23 [(2)] 2. Is equipped with amenities not normally provided in passenger
24 cars, including a custom interior, television, video cassette recorder, musical sound
25 system, telephone, ice storage area, additional interior lighting, and driver-passenger
26 communication such as an intercom or power-operated driver partition; AND

27 3. IS 7 MODEL YEARS OLD OR NEWER;

28 (II) IS A LUXURY SEDAN USED FOR TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS
29 FOR HIRE THAT:

30 1. HAS A RATED SEATING CAPACITY OF SIX PASSENGERS OR
31 MORE;

32 2. IS NOT A SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE, VAN, MINIVAN, OR
33 STATION WAGON; AND

