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By: **Delegate Goodwin**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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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 include certain luxury  
4 sedans; repealing an exemption from a certain annual assessment for a vehicle  
5 used exclusively for limousine service; and generally relating to limousines.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Public Utility Companies  
8 Section 10-112  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1998 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Transportation  
13 Section 11-129.1  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
17 Article - Transportation  
18 Section 13-936(a)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

24 10-112.

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

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

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

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

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

11 (i) limousine service; or

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

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

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 11-129.1.

17 "Limousine" means a vehicle that:

18 (1) (I) 1. Has been modified or stretched for transportation of  
19 passengers; and

20 [(2)] 2. Is equipped with amenities not normally provided in passenger  
21 cars, including a custom interior, television, video cassette recorder, musical sound  
22 system, telephone, ice storage area, additional interior lighting, and driver-passenger  
23 communication such as an intercom or power-operated driver partition; OR

24 (II) IS A LUXURY SEDAN USED FOR TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS  
25 FOR HIRE THAT:

26 1. A. HAS A RATED SEATING CAPACITY OF SIX  
27 PASSENGERS OR MORE; AND

28 B. IS NOT A SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE, VAN, MINIVAN, OR  
29 STATION WAGON; OR

30 2. A. MEETS THE DEFINITION OF "HISTORIC MOTOR  
31 VEHICLE" UNDER § 13-936(A) OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

32 B. IS SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
33 INSPECTION PROGRAM; AND

1 (2) HAS RECEIVED OPERATING AUTHORITY FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE  
2 COMMISSION.

3 13-936.

4 (a) In this section, "historic motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, including a  
5 passenger vehicle, motorcycle, or truck, that:

6 (1) Is 20 years old or older;

7 (2) Has not been substantially altered from the manufacturer's original  
8 design; and

9 (3) Meets criteria contained in rules and regulations issued by the  
10 Administration.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2006.