

SENATE BILL 356

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2014

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Fixed Charges for Taxicab Services – Baltimore City**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a taxicab permit holder to make a fixed charge for any
4 trip by taxicab between certain locations in Baltimore City or between points
5 within Baltimore City as approved by the Public Service Commission; requiring
6 that a fixed charge made under this Act be calculated on a mileage basis
7 approved by the Commission; and generally relating to fixed charges for taxicab
8 services.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Public Utilities
11 Section 10–210
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Public Utilities**

17 10–210.

18 (a) (1) A taxicab permit holder shall post in each of its taxicabs a schedule
19 of its fares on a rate card.

20 (2) The rate card shall be printed and arranged in a way that allows a
21 passenger to determine readily the exact fare payable by the passenger.

22 (3) A person may not collect a fare other than a fare appearing on or
23 determinable from the rate card posted in the taxicab.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) This subsection does not apply to a taxicab operating in the City of
2 Hagerstown.

3 (2) (i) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, while in
4 service, each taxicab for which a permit is required shall be equipped with an accurate
5 taximeter that is properly installed and connected.

6 (ii) The taximeter shall be the exclusive means of measuring the
7 charges for service and is subject to inspection and testing by the Commission.

8 (c) (1) A fixed charge may be made for any trip by taxicab between:

9 (I) a point within the political subdivision in which the taxicab
10 is normally operated and a point outside of the political subdivision;

11 (II) **THE MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION'S CRUISE**
12 **TERMINAL FACILITIES AND:**

13 1. **FORT MCHENRY;**

14 2. **THE WORLD TRADE CENTER INSTITUTE IN**
15 **BALTIMORE; OR**

16 3. **PENN STATION IN BALTIMORE; OR**

17 (III) **POINTS WITHIN BALTIMORE CITY, AS APPROVED BY**
18 **THE COMMISSION.**

19 (2) [The] A fixed charge shall be calculated on a mileage basis that the
20 Commission approves.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 June 1, 2014.