

Chapter 157

(House Bill 1147)

AN ACT concerning

Public Utilities – Fixed Charges for Taxicab Services – Baltimore City

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

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

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

Article – Public Utilities

10–210.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. **FORT MCHENRY;**
2. **THE WORLD TRADE CENTER INSTITUTE IN BALTIMORE; OR**
3. **PENN STATION IN BALTIMORE; OR**

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2014.