

# SENATE BILL 54

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(6lr1068)

— *Finance/Economic Matters* —

Introduced by **Senators Middleton and Ferguson**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Transportation Network Services and For-Hire**  
3 **Transportation – Clarifications**

4 FOR the purpose of clarifying certain provisions relating to transportation network services  
5 and for-hire transportation; expanding the types of insurers writing motor vehicle  
6 liability insurance that may exclude certain coverage under certain circumstances;  
7 altering the entities that may conduct a certain criminal history records check for  
8 sedan companies, limousine companies, taxicab companies, and transportation  
9 network companies; delaying the date by which the Public Service Commission may  
10 not require a certain applicant for a for-hire driver's license or transportation  
11 network operator's license to comply with a certain criminal history records check;  
12 authorizing certain taxicabs to be equipped with a certain device approved by the  
13 Commission; allowing the ~~Public Service~~ Commission to disclose certain records or  
14 information required by certain orders; allowing the Commission to disclose to the  
15 Comptroller certain records or information that relate to certain assessments or

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 obligations; requiring the Commission to provide certain information to the  
2 Comptroller on request; clarifying that a certain license hearing officer may hold  
3 certain hearings involving certain violations by a transportation network operator,  
4 transportation network partner, or transportation network driver licensed or  
5 otherwise authorized to provide transportation network services; allowing a certain  
6 license hearing officer to hold certain hearings involving certain violations by a sedan  
7 company, limousine company, taxicab company, or transportation network company;  
8 clarifying that the For-Hire Driving Services Enforcement Fund may be used solely  
9 for certain activities related to for-hire driving services; prohibiting a transportation  
10 network company from operating in the State unless the transportation network  
11 company has been issued a certain permit; requiring the Commission to promptly  
12 notify a transportation network company of a certain order under certain  
13 circumstances; prohibiting an exempt jurisdiction from imposing more than one  
14 assessment or similar charge on a transportation network service; specifying that  
15 the sum of certain assessments may not exceed a certain amount; specifying whether  
16 a certain county or municipal corporation may impose an assessment; requiring a  
17 certain county to notify certain municipal corporations under certain circumstances;  
18 requiring a certain municipal corporation to notify a certain county under certain  
19 circumstances; specifying when a municipal corporation has certain priority over a  
20 county to impose an assessment; specifying when a county has certain priority over  
21 a certain municipal corporation; requiring a county and a municipal corporation that  
22 enter into a certain agreement to provide a copy of the agreement to the Comptroller;  
23 providing the time period and notification requirement before a certain assessment  
24 or change in assessment is to take effect; requiring, at the Comptroller's discretion,  
25 the Comptroller to distribute assessments in a certain manner; prohibiting the  
26 Comptroller from disclosing certain records or information except under certain  
27 circumstances; authorizing the Comptroller to review or inspect certain information  
28 in a certain manner; requiring that certain provisions of law govern the  
29 administration, collection, enforcement, and appeals of certain revenues; requiring  
30 the Comptroller to enforce certain provisions of law; clarifying that a person is  
31 prohibited from operating a vehicle that provides passenger-for-hire services in the  
32 State unless the person is licensed or otherwise authorized by the Commission as a  
33 transportation network operator, transportation network partner, or transportation  
34 network driver; prohibiting a person from operating a transportation network  
35 company unless the person has been issued a certain permit by the Commission;  
36 altering a certain definition; altering a certain intent of the General Assembly;  
37 making stylistic changes; making technical corrections; making this Act an  
38 emergency measure; and generally relating to transportation network services and  
39 for-hire transportation.

40 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

41 Article – Insurance

42 Section 19-517(c)(1), (2), and (5) and (d)(2) and (3) and 19-517.1

43 Annotated Code of Maryland

44 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

45 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

1 Article – Public Utilities  
 2 Section 10–101(a), (d), (g), and (m), 10–104.1(a), 10–210(a), and 10–404(a)  
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 4 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 6 Article – Public Utilities  
 7 Section 10–101(l), 10–104.1(b), (d), (e), and (h), 10–110(b), 10–112(e), 10–210(b),  
 8 10–404(b), (d), (e), and (h), 10–406, and 10–502  
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 10 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, ~~without~~ *with* amendments,  
 12 Article – Public Utilities  
 13 Section 10–101(n)  
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 15 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)  
 16 (As enacted by Chapter 204 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015)

17 BY adding to  
 18 Article – Public Utilities  
 19 Section 10–403.1  
 20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 21 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 23 Chapter 204 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015  
 24 Section 2

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

27 **Article – Insurance**

28 19–517.

29 (c) (1) An ~~authorized~~ insurer that writes motor vehicle liability insurance in  
 30 the State **AND THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND** may exclude any and  
 31 all coverage and the duty to defend afforded under an owner’s or operator’s personal motor  
 32 vehicle insurance policy for any loss or injury that occurs while the vehicle operator is  
 33 providing transportation network services.

34 (2) [A motor vehicle] **IF AN** insurer that **WRITES MOTOR VEHICLE**  
 35 **LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE STATE** defends or indemnifies a claim against a driver for  
 36 which coverage is excluded under the terms of its policy, **THE INSURER** shall have a right  
 37 of contribution against other insurers that provide insurance to the same driver in

1 satisfaction of the requirements of § 10–405 of the Public Utilities Article at the time of the  
2 loss.

3 (5) If [a motor vehicle] AN insurer **THAT WRITES MOTOR VEHICLE**  
4 **LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE STATE** excludes coverage for providing transportation  
5 network services, the [motor vehicle] insurer shall provide written notice to the named  
6 insured stating that the policy excludes coverage for providing transportation network  
7 services:

8 (i) for a policy initially purchased on or after January 1, 2016, at the  
9 time of issuance; and

10 (ii) for a policy in force before January 1, 2016, at the time the policy  
11 first renews after January 1, 2016.

12 (d) (2) Coverage under a motor vehicle insurance policy maintained by a  
13 transportation network company may not be dependent on a personal [motor vehicle]  
14 insurer **THAT WRITES MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE STATE** first  
15 denying a claim, nor may a personal motor vehicle insurance policy be required to first deny  
16 a claim.

17 (3) Nothing in this section or § 10–405 of the Public Utilities Article  
18 precludes [a motor vehicle] AN insurer **THAT WRITES MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY**  
19 **INSURANCE IN THE STATE** from providing coverage for an operator’s motor vehicle while  
20 the operator is providing transportation network services if the [motor vehicle] insurer  
21 elects to do so by contract or endorsement.

22 19–517.1.

23 (a) Beginning July 1, 2017, and annually thereafter through July 1, 2021, the  
24 Commissioner shall make a determination whether, with regard to the required coverages  
25 under § 10–405(a) of the Public Utilities Article, there is a viable, affordable, and adequate  
26 market of [admitted carriers] **AUTHORIZED INSURERS** in the State, **INCLUDING THE**  
27 **MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND**, available to provide the required  
28 coverages to the transportation network services industry.

29 (b) To the extent that the Commissioner makes an affirmative finding of  
30 availability, and in accordance with the provisions of Title 3, Subtitle 3 of this article, it is  
31 the intent of the General Assembly that required coverages be obtained from [admitted]  
32 **AUTHORIZED insurers AND THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND.**

### 33 Article – Public Utilities

34 10–101.

35 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (d) “For-hire driver’s license” includes:

2 (1) a passenger-for-hire license; and

3 (2) a taxicab driver’s license.

4 (g) “Provide passenger-for-hire services” includes:

5 (1) providing limousine services;

6 (2) providing sedan services; and

7 (3) providing transportation network services.

8 (l) “Transportation network company” means a company that [has been issued a  
9 permit by the Commission and] operates in the State using a digital network to connect  
10 passengers to transportation network operators or transportation network partners for  
11 transportation network services.

12 (m) “Transportation network operator”, “transportation network partner”, or  
13 “transportation network driver” means an individual who:

14 (1) has been issued a transportation network operator’s license, or is  
15 otherwise authorized, by the Commission to provide transportation network services;

16 (2) receives, through a transportation network company’s digital network  
17 application, a connection to a potential passenger to transport the passenger between  
18 points chosen by the passenger in exchange for the payment of a fee to the transportation  
19 network company; and

20 (3) uses a motor vehicle that is owned, leased, or otherwise authorized for  
21 use by the individual and is approved for use in providing transportation network services  
22 by the Commission.

23 (n) (1) “Transportation network services” means the activities of an operator  
24 during:

25 (i) transportation network coverage period one, during which the  
26 operator is logged onto and ready to accept a prearranged ride request made through a  
27 transportation network company’s digital network application;

28 (ii) transportation network coverage period two, during which the  
29 operator accepts a ride request from a passenger that is prearranged through a  
30 transportation network company’s digital network application, and is traveling to a  
31 predetermined location to pick up the passenger; and

(iii) transportation network coverage period three, during which the operator transports the passenger and continuing until the passenger departs the motor vehicle.

(2) “Transportation network services” does not include :

(I) providing taxicab services, sedan services, or limousine services;

**OR**

**(II) ANY SHARED EXPENSE CARPOOL ARRANGEMENT OR SERVICE OR OTHER TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT OR SERVICE IN WHICH A DRIVER RECEIVES A FEE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED THE DRIVER’S COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING A RIDE.**

10–104.1.

(a) An applicant for a for–hire driver’s license may not provide sedan services, limousine services, or taxicab services unless the Commission has authorized the applicant to operate on a provisional basis or has issued a valid temporary or permanent driver’s license to provide sedan services, limousine services, or taxicab services.

(b) The Commission may approve an applicant and issue a temporary driver’s license to the applicant if:

(1) the applicant provides all information that the Commission requires for the application, including the information specified in item (2) of this subsection; and

(2) the Commission is satisfied with the successful submission of the applicant’s:

(i) national criminal history records check:

1. conducted by [the National Association of Professional Background Screeners] **A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY AS DEFINED UNDER § 14–1201 OF THE OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE** or a comparable entity approved by the Commission; and

2. that includes:

A. a Multi–State Multi–Jurisdiction Criminal Records Database Search or a search of a similar nationwide database with validation;

B. a search of the Sex Offender [and Crimes Against Minors] Registry; and

1 C. a search of the U.S. Department of Justice's National Sex  
2 Offender Public Web site; and

3 (ii) driving record check that includes a driving history research  
4 report.

5 (d) Before [April 1, 2016] **DECEMBER 15, 2016**, the Commission may not require  
6 an applicant for a for-hire driver's license to comply with subsection (c) of this section if a  
7 sedan company or limousine company for which the applicant will provide services, at the  
8 time it applies for a permit, provides to the Commission details of the process the sedan  
9 company or limousine company uses to collect, review, and submit the information specified  
10 in subsection (b)(2) of this section.

11 (e) (1) A sedan company or limousine company may request that the  
12 Commission waive the requirement to comply with subsection (c) of this section and instead  
13 comply with subsection (b)(2) of this section for applicants and drivers of the sedan company  
14 or limousine company.

15 (2) On receipt of a request under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the  
16 Commission shall:

17 (i) determine whether the sedan company's or limousine company's  
18 process for complying with subsection (b)(2) of this section can be shown to be as  
19 comprehensive and accurate as complying with the supplemental criminal background  
20 check as set forth under § 10-104(b) of this subtitle; and

21 (ii) within 3 months [of] **AFTER** receiving the request, determine  
22 whether to:

- 23 1. grant the waiver;
- 24 2. deny the waiver; or
- 25 3. approve an alternative process.

26 (h) (1) ~~[Records] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF~~  
27 ~~THIS SUBSECTION, RECORDS OR INFORMATION~~ provided to the Commission by a sedan  
28 company, limousine company, or taxicab company under this section are not subject to  
29 release under the Maryland Public Information Act [or any other law].

30 (2) The Commission may not disclose records or information provided to  
31 the Commission under this section to any person unless the disclosure is required by  
32 subpoena [or] court order, **OR ORDER OF THE MARYLAND TAX COURT.**

33 (3) ~~If a subpoena [or], A court order, OR AN ORDER OF THE MARYLAND~~  
34 ~~TAX COURT~~ requires the Commission to disclose information provided to the Commission

1 ~~under this section~~ **ON NOTICE THAT A PERSON IS SEEKING RECORDS OR**  
 2 **INFORMATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, the Commission shall  
 3 promptly notify the sedan company, limousine company, or taxicab company before  
 4 disclosing the **RECORDS OR** information.

5 10-110.

6 (b) The license hearing officer may hold a hearing involving a violation of this  
 7 division or the Commission's regulations:

8 (1) by a for-hire driver licensed by the Commission, **INCLUDING A**  
 9 **TRANSPORTATION NETWORK OPERATOR, TRANSPORTATION NETWORK PARTNER,**  
 10 **OR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK DRIVER LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY**  
 11 **THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES; [and]**

12 (2) except for a violation relating to rates, by a holder of a taxicab permit  
 13 issued by the Commission; **AND**

14 **(3) BY A SEDAN COMPANY, LIMOUSINE COMPANY, TAXICAB COMPANY,**  
 15 **OR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY.**

16 10-112.

17 (e) The Fund is to be used solely for statewide enforcement activities of the  
 18 Commission relating to [taxicab services, limousine services, and sedan] **FOR-HIRE**  
 19 **DRIVING** services.

20 10-210.

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

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

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

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

29 (2) [(i)] Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, while in  
 30 service, each taxicab for which a permit is required shall be equipped with:



1 (I) an accurate taximeter that is properly installed and connected[.];

2 OR

3 (ii) [The taximeter shall be the exclusive means of] ANOTHER  
4 DEVICE THE COMMISSION APPROVES FOR measuring the charges for service [and is  
5 subject to inspection and testing by the Commission].

6 **10-403.1.**

7 **A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY MAY NOT OPERATE IN THE STATE**  
8 **UNLESS THE COMMISSION HAS ISSUED A PERMIT TO THE TRANSPORTATION**  
9 **NETWORK COMPANY.**

10 10-404.

11 (a) An operator may not provide transportation network services unless the  
12 Commission has authorized the operator to operate on a provisional basis or has issued a  
13 valid temporary or permanent transportation network operator's license to provide  
14 transportation network services.

15 (b) The Commission may approve an applicant to be an operator and issue a  
16 temporary transportation network operator's license to the applicant if:

17 (1) the applicant provides all information that the Commission requires for  
18 the application, including the information specified in item (2) of this subsection; and

19 (2) the Commission is satisfied with the successful submission of the  
20 applicant's:

21 (i) national criminal history records check:

22 1. conducted by [the National Association of Professional  
23 Background Screeners] **A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY AS DEFINED UNDER §**  
24 **14-1201 OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE** or a comparable entity approved by the  
25 Commission; and

26 2. that includes:

27 A. a Multi-State Multi-Jurisdiction Criminal Records  
28 Database Search or a search of a similar nationwide database with validation;

29 B. a search of the Sex Offender [and Crimes Against Minors]  
30 Registry; and

31 C. a search of the U.S. Department of Justice's National Sex  
32 Offender Public Web site; and

1 (ii) driving record check that includes a driving history research  
2 report.

3 (d) Before [April 1, 2016] **DECEMBER 15, 2016**, the Commission may not require  
4 an applicant for a permanent transportation network operator's license to comply with  
5 subsection (c) of this section if a transportation network company for which the applicant  
6 will provide services, at the time it applies for a permit, provides to the Commission details  
7 of the process the transportation network company uses to collect, review, and submit the  
8 information specified in subsection (b)(2) of this section.

9 (e) (1) A transportation network company may request that the Commission  
10 waive the requirement to comply with subsection (c) of this section and instead require  
11 compliance with subsection (b)(2) of this section for applicants and operators of the  
12 transportation network company.

13 (2) On receipt of a request under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the  
14 Commission shall:

15 (i) determine whether the transportation network company's  
16 process for complying with subsection (b)(2) of this section can be shown to be as  
17 comprehensive and accurate as complying with the supplemental criminal background  
18 check as set forth under § 10-104(b) of this title; and

19 (ii) within 3 months [of] **AFTER** receiving the request, determine  
20 whether to:

- 21 1. grant the waiver;
- 22 2. deny the waiver; or
- 23 3. approve an alternative process.

24 (h) (1) ~~[Records] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF~~  
25 ~~THIS SUBSECTION, RECORDS OR INFORMATION~~ provided to the Commission by a  
26 transportation network company under this section are not subject to release under the  
27 Maryland Public Information Act [or any other law].

28 (2) The Commission may not disclose records or information provided to  
29 the Commission under this section to any person unless:

30 (I) the disclosure is required by ~~subpoena~~ [or]; court order; **OR**  
31 **ORDER OF THE MARYLAND TAX COURT; OR**

32 (II) **THE DISCLOSURE IS TO THE COMPTROLLER UNDER §**  
33 **10-406(G)(5) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

1           (3) ~~If a subpoena [or], court order, OR ORDER OF THE MARYLAND TAX~~  
 2 ~~COURT~~ requires the Commission to disclose information provided to the Commission under  
 3 ~~this section~~ **ON NOTICE THAT A PERSON IS SEEKING RECORDS OR INFORMATION**  
 4 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, the Commission shall promptly notify  
 5 the transportation network company before disclosing the **RECORDS OR** information.

6 10-406.

7           (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meaning indicated.

8           (2) “Assessment” means a charge imposed by a local jurisdiction on each  
 9 transportation network service that includes a passenger trip during transportation  
 10 network coverage period three as described in § 10-101(n)(1)(iii) of this title.

11           (3) “Exempt jurisdiction” means a county or [municipality] **MUNICIPAL**  
 12 **CORPORATION** that imposed a tax, fee, or charge on for-hire transportation services  
 13 provided on a per ride or per passenger basis in that county or [municipality] **MUNICIPAL**  
 14 **CORPORATION** on or before January 1, 2015.

15           (b) (1) [This] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
 16 **SUBSECTION, THIS** section does not limit the authority of an exempt jurisdiction to impose  
 17 an assessment, a tax, a fee, or a charge on for-hire transportation services, including  
 18 transportation network services.

19           (2) **AN EXEMPT JURISDICTION MAY NOT IMPOSE MORE THAN ONE**  
 20 **ASSESSMENT OR SIMILAR CHARGE ON A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICE.**

21           (c) (1) In accordance with subsections (d) and (e) of this section, a county or  
 22 ~~municipality~~ **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION** may impose an assessment under this section.

23           (2) Except in an exempt jurisdiction, an assessment **BY A COUNTY OR**  
 24 **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION** authorized by this section may not exceed 25 cents per trip.

25           (3) (I) Except as provided in subsection [(e)(2)]**(E)(5)** of this section  
 26 [and subject to the limitation in paragraph (2) of this subsection], an assessment may not  
 27 be imposed on a transportation network service by both a county and a [municipality]  
 28 **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.**

29           (II) **IF BOTH A COUNTY AND A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
 30 **IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICE IN**  
 31 **ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (E)(5) OF THIS SECTION, THE SUM OF THE**  
 32 **ASSESSMENTS IMPOSED BY BOTH JURISDICTIONS MAY NOT EXCEED 25 CENTS PER**  
 33 **TRIP.**

1 (4) The revenue generated from an assessment authorized under this  
2 section shall be used for transportation purposes.

3 (d) (1) [A] **THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A** county or [municipality]  
4 **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION** that licensed or regulated taxicab services on or before  
5 January 1, 2015, either directly or through the Commission as provided in § 10–202 of this  
6 title[.].

7 (2) (I) **A COUNTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF**  
8 **THIS PARAGRAPH, OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION** may impose an assessment on trips  
9 that originate [within] **IN** the county or [municipality] **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**.

10 (II) **A COUNTY AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT UNDER**  
11 **THIS SUBSECTION:**

12 1. **MAY IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON TRIPS THAT**  
13 **ORIGINATE IN ANY AREA OF THE COUNTY; BUT**

14 2. **MAY NOT IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT IN A MUNICIPAL**  
15 **CORPORATION THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS**  
16 **SUBSECTION.**

17 (3) **IF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AUTHORIZED TO**  
18 **IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION HAS NOT ~~IMPOSED~~ AUTHORIZED**  
19 **AN ASSESSMENT ON TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL**  
20 **CORPORATION BY JULY 1, 2016, THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IS**  
21 **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

22 (4) (I) **IF A COUNTY AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT**  
23 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION PLANS TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS SECTION,**  
24 **THE COUNTY SHALL NOTIFY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS IN THE COUNTY OF**  
25 **THE COUNTY’S INTENT TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT.**

26 (II) **IF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE AN**  
27 **ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION PLANS TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT UNDER**  
28 **THIS SECTION, THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL NOTIFY THE COUNTY OF THE**  
29 **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION’S INTENT TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT.**

30 (e) (1) This subsection applies to a county **OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
31 that:

32 (i) is not authorized to impose an assessment under subsection (d)  
33 of this section; [and] **OR**

1 (ii) 1. IS AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT UNDER  
2 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION; BUT

3 2. has not ~~imposed~~ AUTHORIZED an assessment by July 1,  
4 2016.

5 (2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND  
6 SUBSECTIONS (F) AND (G) OF THIS SECTION, A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL  
7 CORPORATION MAY IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE  
8 COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

9 (3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
10 PARAGRAPH:

11 1. A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HAS PRIORITY OVER THE  
12 COUNTY WHERE THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IS LOCATED TO IMPOSE AN  
13 ASSESSMENT ON TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; AND

14 2. THE COUNTY MAY NOT IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON  
15 TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

16 (II) A COUNTY HAS PRIORITY OVER A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
17 TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE MUNICIPAL  
18 CORPORATION, AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT IMPOSE AN  
19 ASSESSMENT ON TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, IF:

20 1. THE COUNTY HAS ~~IMPOSED~~ AUTHORIZED AN  
21 ASSESSMENT ON TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE COUNTY UNDER SUBSECTION (D)  
22 OF THIS SECTION BY JULY 1, 2016; AND

23 2. THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED  
24 TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE MUNICIPAL  
25 CORPORATION UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

26 (III) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO  
27 IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE MUNICIPAL  
28 CORPORATION UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION AND THAT IS LOCATED IN  
29 A COUNTY THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON TRIPS THAT  
30 ORIGINATE IN THE COUNTY UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION MAY IMPOSE  
31 AN ASSESSMENT ON TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
32 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AFTER JULY 1, 2016, IF THE COUNTY HAS NOT ~~IMPOSED~~  
33 AUTHORIZED AN ASSESSMENT ON TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE COUNTY BY JULY  
34 1, 2016.

1            **[(2)] (4) (I)** Before [the] A county may impose an assessment ON  
 2 **TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE** in a [municipality] **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION UNDER THIS**  
 3 **SUBSECTION**, the county shall:

4            **[(i)] 1.** notify the [municipality] **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION** of  
 5 the county's intent to impose an assessment on transportation network services that  
 6 originate in the [municipality] **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**; and

7            **[(ii)] 2.** provide the [municipality] **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
 8 reasonable time to pass an ordinance authorizing the imposition of an assessment.

9            **[(3)] (II)** Before a [municipality] **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION** may  
 10 impose an assessment **ON TRIPS THAT ORIGINATE IN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
 11 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION**, the [municipality] **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION** shall:

12            **[(i)] 1.** notify the county of the [municipality's] **MUNICIPAL**  
 13 **CORPORATION'S** intent to impose an assessment; and

14            **[(ii)] 2.** if the county imposes an assessment, provide the county  
 15 reasonable time to notify the Comptroller before the [municipality's] **MUNICIPAL**  
 16 **CORPORATION'S** assessment becomes effective.

17            **[(4)] (5) (I)** Notwithstanding [paragraphs (2) and (3)] **PARAGRAPH**  
 18 **(4)** of this subsection[,] **AND SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,**  
 19 **BOTH** a county and [municipality] **A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AUTHORIZED TO**  
 20 **IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION** may **IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON**  
 21 **A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICE IF THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL**  
 22 **CORPORATION** enter into an agreement:

23                            1. to share revenues; and

24                            2. **THAT SPECIFIES THE ALLOCATION OF THE REVENUES**  
 25 **[allocate them in any manner].**

26            **(II) A COUNTY AND A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT ENTER**  
 27 **INTO AN AGREEMENT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON A**  
 28 **TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICE BY BOTH JURISDICTIONS SHALL PROVIDE A**  
 29 **COPY OF THE AGREEMENT TO THE COMPTROLLER.**

30            **(III) IF BOTH A COUNTY AND A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
 31 **IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICE UNDER THIS**  
 32 **PARAGRAPH, THE SUM OF THE ASSESSMENTS IMPOSED BY BOTH JURISDICTIONS**  
 33 **MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(3)(II) OF THIS SECTION.**

1 (f) (1) AT LEAST 120 DAYS BEFORE AN ASSESSMENT IS TO TAKE EFFECT,  
2 A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT INTENDS TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT  
3 SHALL NOTIFY THE COMPTROLLER:

4 (I) OF THE AMOUNT OF THE ASSESSMENT;

5 (II) OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ASSESSMENT; AND

6 (III) THAT THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(4) OF  
7 THIS SECTION WAS PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

8 (2) A county or [municipality] MUNICIPAL CORPORATION that imposes  
9 an assessment shall notify the Comptroller AT LEAST 120 DAYS BEFORE ANY CHANGE  
10 IN AN ASSESSMENT IS TO TAKE EFFECT [of]:

11 [(1)] (I) OF the amount of the NEW assessment; [and]

12 [(2)] (II) [any change in] OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF the NEW  
13 assessment [amount at least 120 days before the new amount takes effect]; AND

14 (III) THAT THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(4) OF  
15 THIS SECTION WAS PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

16 (g) (1) This subsection governs the collection, remittance, accounting, and use  
17 of revenues from assessments imposed by a county or [municipality] MUNICIPAL  
18 CORPORATION under this section.

19 (2) A transportation network company shall:

20 (i) collect assessments on behalf of an operator who accepts a  
21 request for a ride made through the transportation network company's digital network;

22 (ii) collect any assessment, fee, charge, or tax imposed by an exempt  
23 jurisdiction on a transportation network service; and

24 (iii) submit to the Comptroller no later than 30 days after the end of  
25 a calendar quarter, or as otherwise specified by the Comptroller in regulations:

26 1. the assessments and other revenues collected by the  
27 transportation network company on behalf of the transportation network operators;

28 2. the allocation of the assessments and other revenues  
29 attributable to each county or [municipality] MUNICIPAL CORPORATION that has  
30 imposed an assessment based on where the trip originated; and

1                                   3.       under oath, a certification that it has submitted the correct  
2 amount of assessments and revenues.

3                                   (3)   (i)       Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, from the  
4 assessments and revenues imposed by counties and [municipalities] MUNICIPAL  
5 CORPORATIONS, the Comptroller shall distribute each quarter the amount necessary to  
6 administer the assessments to an administrative cost account.

7                                   (ii)   The amount distributed to the administrative cost account may  
8 not exceed 5% of the revenue from the assessments and other revenue.

9                                   (4)   After making the distribution required by paragraph ~~(2)~~ **(3)** of this  
10 subsection, within 45 days of the end of each calendar quarter, the Comptroller shall  
11 distribute the remaining revenue to:

12                                   **(I)     the county or [municipality] MUNICIPAL CORPORATION that is**  
13 **the source of the revenue; OR**

14                                   **(II)    AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMPTROLLER, THE COUNTY**  
15 **THAT IS THE SOURCE OF THE REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE**  
16 **SOURCE OF REVENUE IN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.**

17                                   **[(5) (i)   The Comptroller may inspect, at a transportation network**  
18 **company's place of business or a mutually agreed location, no more than annually, records**  
19 **necessary to ensure that the transportation network company has remitted to the**  
20 **Comptroller the correct revenues and allocations.]**

21                                   **(5)    THE COMMISSION SHALL DISCLOSE:**

22                                   **(I)     ON THE REQUEST OF THE COMPTROLLER, RECORDS OR**  
23 **INFORMATION THAT RELATE TO THE COLLECTION, REMITTANCE, ACCOUNTING OF**  
24 **REVENUES FROM ASSESSMENTS, OR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE OBLIGATIONS**  
25 **UNDER THIS SECTION THAT ARE:**

26                                   1.     **PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS**  
27 **SUBTITLE; OR**

28                                   2.     **CREATED, ISSUED, OR MAINTAINED BY THE**  
29 **COMMISSION IN THE COURSE OF ADMINISTERING THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

30                                   **(II)    RECORDS OR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ~~A SUBPOENA, A~~**  
31 **COURT ORDER, ~~OR AN~~ ORDER OF THE MARYLAND TAX COURT.**

32                                   **(6)    (I)     1.     THE COMPTROLLER MAY REVIEW OR INSPECT EACH**  
33 **YEAR, AT A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY'S PLACE OF BUSINESS OR A**



1 MUTUALLY AGREED LOCATION, RECORDS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE  
 2 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY HAS REMITTED TO THE COMPTROLLER THE  
 3 CORRECT REVENUES AND ALLOCATIONS.

4 2. NOTHING IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH IS INTENDED TO  
 5 LIMIT THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE COMPTROLLER'S REVIEW OR INSPECTION,  
 6 WHICH MAY INCLUDE MORE THAN 1 YEAR.

7 (ii) ~~[Records] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (III)~~  
 8 ~~AND (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, RECORDS OR INFORMATION~~ provided to the  
 9 Comptroller by a transportation network company under this subsection are not subject to  
 10 release under the Maryland Public Information Act [or any other law].

11 (iii) ~~Subject to subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the~~ THE  
 12 Comptroller may not disclose records or information provided by a transportation network  
 13 company unless the disclosure is required by [a] ~~subpoena [or]~~, court order, OR ORDER OF  
 14 THE MARYLAND TAX COURT.

15 (iv) ~~1. If a subpoena [or], A court order, OR AN ORDER OF THE~~  
 16 ~~MARYLAND TAX COURT requires the Comptroller to disclose information provided by a~~  
 17 ~~transportation network company~~ ON NOTICE THAT A PERSON IS SEEKING RECORDS OR  
 18 INFORMATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, the Comptroller  
 19 shall promptly notify the transportation network company before disclosing the  
 20 information.

21 (v) THE COMPTROLLER MAY DISCLOSE RECORDS OR  
 22 INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION OR A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK  
 23 COMPANY TO:

24 1. THE MARYLAND TAX COURT;

25 2. A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE, TO REVIEW  
 26 THE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION ABOUT A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY:

27 A. THAT APPLIES FOR REVIEW UNDER TITLE 13 UNDER  
 28 THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE;

29 B. THAT APPEALS FROM A DETERMINATION UNDER  
 30 TITLE 13 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE; OR

31 C. AGAINST WHICH AN ACTION TO RECOVER AN  
 32 ASSESSMENT, AN INTEREST, OR A PENALTY IS PENDING OR WILL BE INITIATED  
 33 UNDER TITLE 13 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE; ~~AND~~ OR

1                   3.     ANY LICENSE-ISSUING AUTHORITY OF THE STATE  
2     REQUIRED BY STATE LAW TO VERIFY THROUGH THE COMPTROLLER THAT:

3                   A.     AN APPLICANT HAS PAID ALL UNDISPUTED TAXES AND  
4     UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO THE COMPTROLLER OR  
5     THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION; OR

6                   B.     THE APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED FOR PAYMENT IN A  
7     MANNER SATISFACTORY TO THE UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTION.

8                   (VI) 1.    ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2~~  
9     ~~OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, RECORDS~~ RECORDS OR INFORMATION DISCLOSED UNDER  
10    SUBPARAGRAPH (V)2 ~~AND OR 3~~ OF THIS PARAGRAPH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO RELEASE  
11    UNDER THE MARYLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT.

12                  2.     A PERSON THAT RECEIVES RECORDS OR  
13    INFORMATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (V)2 ~~AND OR 3~~ OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT  
14    DISCLOSE THE RECORDS OR INFORMATION UNLESS THE DISCLOSURE IS REQUIRED  
15    BY ~~SUBPOENA,~~ COURT ORDER, OR ORDER OF THE MARYLAND TAX COURT.

16                  3.     ON NOTICE THAT A THIRD PARTY IS SEEKING  
17    RECORDS OR INFORMATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (V)2 ~~SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2~~ OF  
18    THIS PARAGRAPH SUBPARAGRAPH, THE PERSON THAT RECEIVES RECORDS OR  
19    INFORMATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (V)2 OR 3 OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL  
20    PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY BEFORE  
21    DISCLOSING THE INFORMATION.

22                  (7) (I)   EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT OF ANY INCONSISTENCY WITH THIS  
23    ~~SUBSECTION~~ SECTION, THE PROVISIONS OF ~~TITLES 11 AND~~ TITLE 13 OF THE TAX –  
24    GENERAL ARTICLE THAT APPLY TO THE SALES AND USE TAX SHALL GOVERN THE  
25    ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION, ENFORCEMENT, AND APPEALS OF THE REVENUES  
26    FROM ASSESSMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION.

27                  (II)   THE LIMITATIONS GOVERNING THE SALES AND USE TAX  
28    UNDER § 13-1102 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE APPLY TO THE ASSESSMENTS  
29    IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION.

30                  [(6)] (8)   The Comptroller may adopt regulations or other requirements or  
31    procedures to carry out the provisions of this section, including requirements and  
32    procedures regarding the administration, collection, and enforcement of the assessment.

33                  (H)    THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ENFORCE THIS SECTION AND § 10-407 OF  
34    THIS SUBTITLE.

1 10-502.

2 (a) A person may not operate a vehicle that provides passenger-for-hire services  
3 in the State:

4 (1) unless the person is licensed as a passenger-for-hire driver by the  
5 Commission, **INCLUDING A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED**  
6 **BY THE COMMISSION AS A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK OPERATOR,**  
7 **TRANSPORTATION NETWORK PARTNER, OR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK DRIVER;** or

8 (2) in violation of this title or Title 9, Subtitle 2 of this article.

9 (b) A person may not operate a vehicle that provides taxicab services in the State:

10 (1) unless the person is licensed as a taxicab driver by the Commission or  
11 a county or municipal corporation; or

12 (2) that is under the jurisdiction of the Commission, in violation of this  
13 title.

14 (c) **A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY**  
15 **IN THE STATE UNLESS THE PERSON HAS BEEN ISSUED A PERMIT AS A**  
16 **TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY BY THE COMMISSION.**

17 (D) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 3-102(c) of this article, the Commission  
18 may impose on a person who violates this section a civil penalty not exceeding \$500 for each  
19 violation.

20 **Chapter 204 of the Acts of 2015**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General  
22 Assembly that:

23 (1) the insurance coverages for transportation network companies and  
24 transportation network operators required under this Act be provided, to the extent  
25 available, by ~~insurance carriers admitted in the State~~ **AUTHORIZED INSURERS AND THE**  
26 **MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND;** and

27 (2) the Maryland Insurance Administration expedite review of applications  
28 by ~~authorized~~ insurers **AND THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND** for  
29 approval of insurance products for transportation network services, and that these products  
30 become available for purchase by July 1, 2016.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
32 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
33 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to

1 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
2 enacted.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.