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(Delegate Stewart)

Transportation Network Companies - Itemized Receipts and Operator Data Reporting

This bill requires each transportation network company (TNC) to provide access to itemized digital receipts for its customers and transportation network operators. Additionally, each TNC must submit specified information about its operators to the Public Service Commission (PSC) by February 1 each year. PSC must compile the information and submit it to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Environment and Transportation Committee by March 1 each year.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: PSC and MDOT can handle the bill's requirements with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal or none. TNCs are generally not small businesses.

Analysis

Bill Summary: As soon as practicable after an operator provides transportation network services to a passenger, a TNC must provide the operator and passenger access to an itemized digital receipt that includes the amount that the passenger paid for the transportation network services, the amount that the operator will receive from that payment, and the final amount of any additional fees that are charged to the passenger by

the TNC. The receipt must be made available to the operator on the company's digital network application.

By February 1 each year, a TNC must report to PSC the following information for the prior year:

- the total number of operators that (1) were authorized to transport passengers using the company's digital network application; (2) provided transportation network services for the company on a full-time or part-time basis; and (3) provided more than 40 hours of transportation network services for the company each week;
- the median amount paid to the company's operators; and
- demographic data, the form and content of which must be determined by PSC, for the company's operators, including demographic data for operators who have been permanently deactivated by the company.

By March 1 each year, PSC must compile and report the information to MDOT, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

Current Law: Chapter 204 of 2015 established a regulatory framework for transportation network services that encompasses TNCs (*i.e.*, companies such as Uber and Lyft) and transportation network operators (*i.e.*, the drivers), including licensing, criminal history records checks, insurance requirements, and assessments. A TNC may not operate in the State unless PSC has issued a permit to the company. Generally, a transportation network operator may not provide transportation network services unless PSC has authorized the operator to operate on a provisional basis or has issued a valid temporary or permanent transportation network operator's license to provide transportation network services.

Neither statute nor regulations require or otherwise specifically address customer receipts. TNCs are required to file an annual report with PSC related to accessibility of their services and related complaint information.

“Transportation network company” means a company that operates in the State using a digital network to connect passengers to transportation network operators or transportation network partners for transportation network services.

“Transportation network operator,” “transportation network partner,” or “transportation network driver” means an individual who:

- has been issued a transportation network operator's license or is otherwise authorized, by PSC to provide transportation network services;

- receives, through a TNC's digital network application, a connection to a potential passenger to transport the passenger between points chosen by the passenger in exchange for the payment of a fee to the TNC; and
- uses a motor vehicle that is owned, leased, or otherwise authorized for use by the individual and is approved for use in providing transportation network services by PSC.

Additional Comments: According to PSC's most recent annual report, there are approximately 175,000 transportation network operators in the State. The report does not contain further demographic detail.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

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