

# HOUSE BILL 18

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By: **Delegate Vogel**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation Network Companies – Transportation Network Operators –**  
3 **Minimum Payments for Passenger Trips**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a transportation network company to pay operators, after a  
5 certain date and for any passenger trip originating in the State, a certain minimum  
6 amount per mile and per minute, an additional amount per mile for an operator  
7 using a wheelchair accessible vehicle, a certain minimum amount for any passenger  
8 trip, and at least a certain percentage of any cancellation fee charged by a  
9 transportation network company; adjusting the minimum amount paid per mile and  
10 per minute by inflation each year; and generally relating to compensation paid to  
11 transportation network operators by transportation network companies.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Public Utilities  
14 Section 10–101(a), (l), (m), and (n) and 10–401  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article – Public Utilities  
19 Section 10–410  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Public Utilities**

25 10–101.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

(l) "Transportation network company" means a company that operates in the using a digital network to connect passengers to transportation network operators or portation network partners for transportation network services.

(m) "Transportation network operator", "transportation network partner", or "transportation network driver" means an individual who:

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

(2) receives, through a transportation network company's digital network application, a connection to a potential passenger to transport the passenger between locations chosen by the passenger in exchange for the payment of a fee to the transportation network company; and

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

(n) (1) "Transportation network services" means the activities of an operator

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) any shared expense carpool arrangement or service or other type arrangement or service in which a driver receives a fee that does not exceed the driver's associated with providing a ride; or

(iii) transportation services that a nonprofit organization provides through the use of a volunteer driver and the volunteer driver's personal vehicle.

3 10-401.

4 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

5 (b) "Insurance Commissioner" means the Insurance Commissioner of the  
6 Maryland Insurance Administration.

7 (c) "Operator" means a transportation network operator, transportation network  
8 partner, or transportation network driver.

9 10-410.

10 (A) FOR A PASSENGER TRIP ORIGINATING IN THE STATE AFTER JULY 1,  
11 2026, A TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SHALL PAY EACH OPERATOR:

12 (1) A MINIMUM OF:

13 (I) \$1.66 PER MILE; AND

14 (II) \$0.40 PER MINUTE;

(2) AN ADDITIONAL \$1.18 PER MILE IF AN OPERATOR IS USING A  
WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE:

17 (3) AT LEAST \$5.00 FOR EACH PASSENGER TRIP, REGARDLESS OF  
18 TRIP DURATION OR MILEAGE; AND

19 (4) AT LEAST 80% OF ANY CANCELLATION FEE CHARGED BY THE  
20 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY IF A PASSENGER TRIP IS CANCELED AFTER  
21 BOOKING.

22 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON JULY 1,  
23 2027, AND EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER, THE MINIMUM AMOUNT A TRANSPORTATION  
24 NETWORK COMPANY SHALL PAY EACH OPERATOR PER MILE AND PER MINUTE AS  
25 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCREASE BY AN  
26 AMOUNT THAT EQUALS THE PRODUCT OF MULTIPLYING:

27 (I) THE MINIMUM AMOUNT PER MILE AND PER MINUTE  
28 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR;  
29 AND

11 (II) IF THERE IS A DECLINE OR NO GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER  
12 PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS OR IN THE SUCCESSOR INDEX, THE  
13 MINIMUM AMOUNT PER MILE AND PER MINUTE SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
15 1, 2026.