

# 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 State using a digital network to connect passengers to transportation network operators or transportation 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 points 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 use by 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 during:

(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 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;

(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; or

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

10-401.

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

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

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

10-410.

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

**(1) A MINIMUM OF:**

**(I) \$1.66 PER MILE; AND**

**(II) \$0.40 PER MINUTE;**

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

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

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

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

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

1                   **(II) THE PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE**  
2 **INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS OR A SUCCESSOR INDEX PUBLISHED BY THE**  
3 **U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.**

4                   **(2) (I) THE PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE**  
5 **INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS**  
6 **SUBSECTION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY COMPARING THE AVERAGE OF THE INDEX**  
7 **FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ON THE JUNE 30 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE YEAR**  
8 **FOR WHICH THE MINIMUM AMOUNT PER MILE AND PER MINUTE IS BEING**  
9 **CALCULATED TO THE AVERAGE OF THE INDEX FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING**  
10 **12 MONTHS.**

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.