



House Environment and Transportation Committee

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HB1242: Transportation of Persons With Disabilities – Transportation Network Companies - Requirements

Position: Support

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council along with The Arc Maryland, Maryland Association of Community Services, and People on the Go Maryland, work together to improve the opportunities and outcomes for Marylanders with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). As such, we support HB 1242 as it provides flexibility to transportation network companies, which increases access to transportation services for people with disabilities.

WHAT does this legislation do?

- This bill requires that transportation network companies (ex. Uber, Lyft, Zipcar) that contract with the Maryland Transit Administration to serve people with disabilities to conduct an annual background screening of all drivers.
- It also exempts transportation network companies from using the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository.

WHY is this legislation important?

- Accessible transportation options for people with disabilities remain one of the greatest barriers to participation in full community life.
- People with disabilities rely on various transportation options to access important resources, such as: urgent health services, food and other groceries, employment, and social and educational advancement opportunities.
- The flexibility of utilizing a transportation network company for travel can address crucial transportation service gaps for people with disabilities.

We support HB 1242 because it is a step towards increasing comprehensive and accessible transportation options for people with disabilities in Maryland.

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