

Chapter 803

(House Bill 137)

AN ACT concerning

Transportation – Aviation – Nonairport Taxicab Operators at BWI

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a certain taxicab operator from soliciting commercial passengers at Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; requiring a certain taxicab operator to immediately depart the Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport terminal after dropping off a commercial passenger, subject to a certain exception; authorizing a certain taxicab operator to park in a public parking lot at Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport when not transporting a commercial passenger; defining a certain term; establishing a certain civil penalty; and generally relating to taxicab service at Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 5–413(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

5–413.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any public local or other law, the operator of a taxicab authorized and licensed to operate in a political subdivision of this State may, without being required to obtain an additional permit or license from any other political subdivision:

[(1)] (I) Transport passengers to Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport from the political subdivision in which the taxicab is authorized and licensed to operate; and

[(2)] (II) After transporting passengers to the airport from that political subdivision, pick up passengers at the airport and transport them to the political subdivision on its return trip.

(2) (I) **IN THIS PARAGRAPH, “NONAIRPORT TAXICAB OPERATOR” MEANS A PERSON AUTHORIZED AND LICENSED TO OPERATE A TAXICAB IN A**

POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE WHO IS NOT EMPLOYED BY, OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH, AN ENTITY THAT HOLDS A CONTRACT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE TAXICAB SERVICES AT BALTIMORE–WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT.

(II) A NONAIRPORT TAXICAB OPERATOR MAY NOT SOLICIT COMMERCIAL PASSENGERS AT BALTIMORE–WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT, INCLUDING IN OR AT THE TERMINAL BUILDING, VESTIBULES, SIDEWALKS, ROADWAYS, AND PARKING LOTS.

(III) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A NONAIRPORT TAXICAB OPERATOR SHALL IMMEDIATELY DEPART THE TERMINAL AFTER DROPPING OFF A COMMERCIAL PASSENGER.

(IV) A NONAIRPORT TAXICAB OPERATOR MAY PARK AT THE OPERATOR’S EXPENSE IN A PUBLIC PARKING LOT WHEN NOT TRANSPORTING COMMERCIAL PASSENGERS TO BALTIMORE–WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT.

(V) A NONAIRPORT TAXICAB OPERATOR WHO VIOLATES THIS PARAGRAPH IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 26, 2018.