

Chapter 31

AN ACT to amend Section 53-18, title "Same-Taximeters.", of Chapter 53, title, "Taxicabs and Limousines." Montgomery County Code 1972, as amended, to provide that taxicabs may charge rates lower than those computed by the taximeter or as set forth in the schedule of fare rates under a contract filed with the Department of Transportation and after a waiver is granted by said Department upon a determination that the contract will not result in a significant reduction of service to the general public.

Approved January 21, 1977.

Chapter 32

AN ACT to repeal and reenact with amendments Chapter 23A, title "Group Residential Facilities" of the Montgomery County Code, 1972, as amended, by adding a revised Chapter 23A, title "Group Residential Care Facilities" to set forth legislative findings and to state the construction and purpose of this Act; to specify the applicability of this Chapter; to specify definitions applicable to this Act; to designate responsibility for administration and enforcement; to permit executive rules and regulations; to provide for penalties and other judicial relief; to require an annual license to operate a group residential care facility; to provide for a facility license, procedures concerning the issuance of licenses, conditions pertaining thereto and provide for the administration and enforcement of license requirements; and to provide for program certification, provide for program review boards, and provide for the boards' responsibilities and procedures; and to provide for applicability within incorporated municipalities.

Approved January 21, 1977.

Chapter 33

AN ACT to amend Chapter 24, title "Health and Sanitation," of the Montgomery County Code 1972, as amended, by the addition thereto of a new Section 24-9, title "Smoking Prohibitions and Restrictions," to define various terms used in this Act; to prohibit smoking or carrying of a lighted cigar, cigarette or pipe, or lighting a cigar, cigarette or pipe in certain designated areas; to provide for certain exceptions to the foregoing