

~~WHEREAS, Tourist surveys conducted by the State show dissatisfaction with taxi driver behavior in some areas, including rudeness, overcharging, and inadequate knowledge of local events and points of interest; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Improved regulation and oversight of for-hire driving services should improve the safety and quality of service to Maryland citizens and tourists; now, therefore,~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, ~~That Section(s) 10-301 and the subtitle "Subtitle 3. Miscellaneous Provisions"; and 10-401 and 10-402 and the subtitle "Subtitle 4. Prohibitions; Penalties", respectively, of Article Public Utility Companies of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 10-401 and the subtitle "Subtitle 4. Miscellaneous Provisions"; and 10-501 and 10-502 and the subtitle "Subtitle 5. Prohibitions; Penalties", respectively.~~

SECTION 2. ~~AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,~~ That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### Article - Public Utility Companies

10-101.

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

(b) "Central Repository" has the meaning stated in Article 27, § 743 of the Code.

(c) "Criminal Justice Information System" has the meaning stated in Article 27, § 743 of the Code.

(d) "For-hire driver's license" includes:

- (1) a passenger-for-hire license; and
- (2) a taxicab driver's license.

(E) (1) "LIMOUSINE SERVICE" MEANS OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE USING A MOTOR VEHICLE CLASSIFIED AS A CLASS Q (LIMOUSINE) VEHICLE UNDER § 13-939 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

(2) "LIMOUSINE SERVICE" DOES NOT INCLUDE PROVIDING TAXICAB SERVICES OR SEDAN SERVICES.

[(e)] (F) (1) "Operate a motor vehicle for hire" means to transport or offer to transport a person in a motor vehicle in exchange for remuneration.

(2) "Operate a motor vehicle for hire" includes:

- (i) providing passenger-for-hire services; and
- (ii) providing taxicab services.

(G) "PROVIDE PASSENGER-FOR-HIRE SERVICES" INCLUDES: