

providing generally for the regulation in Wicomico County of taxicabs and their owners and operators, by the County Commissioners of Wicomico County, and providing penalties for violations of such ordinances and regulations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That three new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Wicomico County", to be under sub-title "Taxicabs", said new sections to be known as Sections 397A, 397B and 397C, to follow immediately after Section 397 of said Article, and to read as follows:

TAXICABS.

397A. The term "Taxicab" as used in this sub-title shall embrace any motor vehicle for hire designed to carry seven persons or less, including the driver, operated upon any public street or highway in Wicomico County, or, on call or demand, accepting or soliciting passengers indiscriminately for transportation for hire between such points along public streets or highways in Wicomico County, as may be directed by the passenger or passengers so being transported; provided that nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to include as a taxicab a motor vehicle operated, with the approval of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, on fixed routes and schedules.

397B. In order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Wicomico County and other persons who may use taxicab facilities therein, the County Commissioners of Wicomico County are hereby authorized and empowered to enact, amend and repeal ordinances, to prescribe reasonable rates of fare, to fix requirements for the ownership and operation of taxicabs in Wicomico County and to provide for inspection and licensing of taxicabs, their owners and operators. The regulation herein provided for the taxicab industry for Wicomico County shall be in addition to any regulation by the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Public Service Commission of Maryland. Any person, firm or corporation subject to this sub-title who shall be dissatisfied with any ordinance of the County Commissioners of Wicomico County, enacted pursuant to the authority herein conferred, may commence an action in the Circuit Court of Wicomico County against the County Commissioners to vacate and set aside any such ordinance on the ground that the regulation, practice, act or service established by such ordinance is unreasonable or unlawful. The decision of the Circuit Court shall be appealable to the Court of Appeals of Maryland by either