

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 207

Approved April 23, 2025

WHEREAS, Rideshare firms and the trips they originate strain municipal street infrastructure that must be repaired and maintained largely by municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders need and deserve a more coordinated, expansive, and modern transit system; and

WHEREAS, Climate, economic, and fiscal concerns converge on the issues of supporting public street and transit infrastructure; and

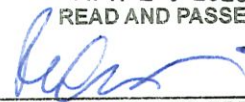

WHEREAS, The addition of a modest fee to rideshare trips would provide funds to both municipalities seeking to improve their street infrastructure and to the state in support of the Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of S-0092 and its House Companion Bill strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this legislation on behalf of all Rhode Island renters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsor Senator Kallman, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggiero, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for S-0092 and its House Companion.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

Tina L. Mastrosanni
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 4/23/25

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

A N A C T

RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIDESHARE OR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY VEHICLE SURCHARGE

Introduced By: Senators Kallman, Ciccone, Britto, Sosnowski, Murray, Acosta, Mack, Euer, and Appollonio

Date Introduced: January 31, 2025

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 31 of the General Laws entitled "MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES"
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 34.2

4 RIDESHARE OR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY VEHICLE SURCHARGE

5 **31-34.2-1. Rideshare or transportation network company vehicle surcharge.**

6 (a) Each rideshare or transportation network company shall collect a surcharge which shall
7 be added to the fare charged to each customer. For the purposes of this chapter, "rideshare or
8 transportation network company" means a company that provides on-demand transportation
9 services through app-based platforms to connect drivers with clients or passengers to facilitate
10 and/or provide transportation for compensation or a fee.

11 (b) The surcharge shall be seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per fare.

12 (c) The total amount of surcharge collections shall be remitted to the State of Rhode Island,
13 and fifty percent (50%) of the surcharge collections shall be deposited in a restricted account to be
14 used for street infrastructure improvements in the municipality where the fare originated, and fifty
15 percent (50%) of the surcharge collections shall be deposited in a restricted account to be used as
16 funding for implementation of Transit Forward RI as adopted by the state planning council.

17 (d) The tax administrator shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement
18 the provisions of this chapter.

1 (e) All disbursements and expenditures of funds from the restricted accounts subject to the
2 provisions of this section shall be by appropriation of the general assembly.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 44-18 of the General Laws entitled "Sales and Use Taxes — Liability
4 and Computation" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

5 **44-18-18.2. Transportation network companies tax.**

6 All sales tax revenue collected from transportation network companies, as defined in § 44-
7 18-7.3, shall be deposited in a restricted receipt account for the benefit of the Rhode Island public
8 transit authority (RIPTA).

9 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would impose a seventy-five cent (\$0.75) surcharge on fares charged by rideshare
2 or transportation network companies. This act would also require that fifty percent (50%) of the
3 surcharge be deposited in a restricted account to be used for street improvements in the municipality
4 where the fare originated, and fifty percent (50%) of the surcharge be deposited in a restricted
5 account to fund Transit Forward RI. The tax administrator would promulgate rules and regulations
6 to implement the provisions of this chapter. The act would also establish a restricted receipt account
7 for the benefit of RIPTA funded by sales tax collected from ride-share companies such as Uber and
8 Lyft.

9 This act would take effect upon passage.

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