

LD 877 PROPOSED SPONSOR AMENDMENT FOR PH 1.13.26

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA c. 7, sub-c. 2-B is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 2-C

MINIMUM RATE FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY DRIVERS

§657. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Digital network. "Digital network" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 7302, subsection 1.

2. Rider platform miles. "Rider platform miles" means all miles driven during rider platform time as recorded in a transportation network company's driver platform.

3. Rider platform time. "Rider platform time" means the period of time when the driver is transporting one or more riders on a trip. For a shared ride, "rider platform time" means the period of time beginning when the first rider enters the driver's vehicle until the time when the last rider exits the driver's vehicle.

4. Personal vehicle. "Personal vehicle" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 7302, subsection 2.

5. Prearranged ride. "Prearranged ride" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 7302, subsection 3.

6. Shared ride. "Shared ride" means a prearranged ride which, before the ride begins, is requested by a rider through the digital network to share the prearranged ride with one or more riders and where each rider is charged a fare that is calculated, in whole or in part, based on the rider's request to share all or a part of the prearranged ride with one or more riders, regardless of whether the rider actually shares all or part of the prearranged ride.

7. Transportation network company. "Transportation network company" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 7302, subsection 4.

8. Transportation network company driver; driver. "Transportation network company driver" or "driver" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 7302, subsection 5.

9. Transportation network company rider; rider. "Transportation network company rider" or "rider" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 7302, subsection 6.

LD 877 PROPOSED SPONSOR AMENDMENT FOR PH 1.13.26

10. Wage. “Wage” has the same meaning as in section 663, subsection 5.

§658. Minimum rate for transportation network company driver

1. Minimum rate. Beginning January 1, 2027, a transportation network company shall ensure that a driver receives a wage on a per trip basis the greater of:

- A. \$0.34 per rider platform minute and \$1.17 per rider platform mile; or
- B. A minimum of \$3 per prearranged ride.

2. Minimum rate index. Beginning January 1, 2028, and every January 1st thereafter, the per rider platform minute and per rider platform mile minimums under subsection 1 must be increased by the increase, if any, in the cost of living. The increase in the cost of living must be measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the Northeast Region, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor agency, with the amount of the wage increase rounded to the nearest multiple of 5¢.

3. Shared rides. The per trip minimum in subsection 1 applies only to the entirety of the shared ride, not on the basis of the individual passenger’s trip within the shared ride.

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. This amendment provides that, beginning January 1, 2027, a transportation network company must ensure that a transportation network company driver receives a wage on a per trip basis of at least \$0.34 per rider platform minute and \$1.17 per rider platform mile or a minimum of \$3 per prearranged ride. Beginning January 1, 2028, the per rider platform minute and per rider platform mile minimum wage must be increased by the cost of living, if any.