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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 15 of Chapter 20 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-2099.54, relating to transportation network companies; minimum compensation; civil penalty.

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Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 15 of Chapter 20 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-2099.54 as follows:

§ 46.2-2099.54. Minimum compensation.

A. Any transportation network company operating in the Commonwealth shall establish and comply with a rate card that applies to all TNC partners associated with such transportation network company. Such rate card shall require the minimum compensation of a TNC partner and shall be paid in a per mile, per minute format as follows:

1. A minimum compensation of \$6 for any transportation of a passenger by a TNC partner;

2. A base fare of \$2 and an additional \$1.50 per mile and 50 cents (\$0.50) per minute, which shall apply (i) from when the TNC driver accepted the trip until the completion of such trip and (ii) whenever the TNC partner is required to be logged into the digital platform related to the arranged transportation of an identified passenger by the TNC partner;

3. A minimum compensation of \$5 for any trip request (i) cancelled by a prospective passenger or (ii) for which the passenger is not present at the pickup location within five minutes of being notified that the TNC partner is present at the pickup location and such trip is cancelled by the TNC partner.

B. The Department shall adjust the minimum required compensation amounts and fares prescribed in subsection A annually by the Consumer Price Index.

C. Any gratuities received by a TNC partner from a passenger are the property of the TNC partner, are not considered part of the fare, and shall not be included as part of the minimum compensation required pursuant to this section or any other compensation algorithm used by the transportation network company. TNC partners are authorized to accept gratuity in cash or electronically. No transportation network company shall limit the amount that can be paid as a gratuity from a passenger to the TNC partner through the transportation network company's digital platform.

D. If a transportation network company bans or deactivates a TNC partner from its platform, such transportation network company shall deposit any funds remaining in such TNC partner's account in the bank account associated with such TNC partner or send such funds by check mailed to the last known address of such TNC partner within 10 days of such ban or deactivation.

E. The Department shall establish a process for TNC partners and former TNC partners to report violations of the provisions of this section. The Department shall investigate any such claims and take any enforcement actions deemed appropriate by the Commissioner, including (i) ordering fines or restitution payable to the TNC partner, (ii) assessing civil penalties to the transportation network company for violations, and (iii) revoking or suspending such transportation network company's certificate of fitness issued by the Department.

F. In addition to the remedies established pursuant to subsection E, any person who suffers loss by reason of a violation of any provision of this chapter may bring a civil action to enforce such provision.

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