

MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to increase the number of revenue options available to Allegheny County in order to equitably ensure that dedicated funding for mass transit within the County can be realized.

WHEREAS, Act 44 of 2007 explicitly authorizes Allegheny County to enact a tax on alcoholic beverages and/or a tax on rental vehicles within Allegheny County as a means of securing dedicated funding for the Port Authority of Allegheny County's mass transit services; and

WHEREAS, although these two options provide more flexibility in taxation than was previously available to Allegheny County, several alternative options were originally contained within Act 44; and

WHEREAS, the removal of these alternative revenue options has in effect placed the entire burden of providing dedicated funding on two specific businesses within Allegheny County; and

WHEREAS, during the course of Council's deliberations on the imposition of these two new taxes, it has become evident that alternative revenue options would permit the imposition of a lesser revenue burden on a greater cross section of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of Council that the flexibility to implement a lesser revenue burden on a greater number of taxpayers is inherently desirable;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED that the Council hereby urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to increase the number of revenue options available to Allegheny County within Act 44 of 2007 in order to equitably ensure that dedicated funding for mass transit within the County can be realized.

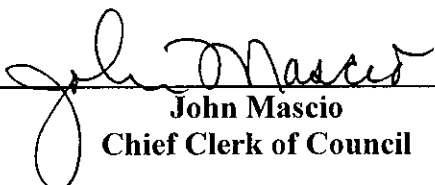
PRIMARY SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER BURN

CO-SPONSORS: COUNCIL PRESIDENT FITZGERALD; COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT MARTONI; COUNCIL MEMBERS CLEARY, DEFAZIO, ELLENBOGEN, FINNERTY, FRAZIER, FUTULES, GASTGEB, MACY, MCCULLOUGH, REA, & ROBINSON

In Council January 15 2008.

Read and Approved.


Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Mascio, John

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Subject: Bill No. 3700-08 Motion of Allegheny County Council
Attachments: 3700-08.PDF

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on January 15, 2008, Council approved the attached Motion (Bill No. 3700-08) sponsored by Council Member Jim Burn, and co-sponsored by Council President Rich Fitzgerald, Council Vice-President Chuck Martoni, Council Members Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Brenda Frazier, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, Jan Rea, and Bill Robinson.

As you will read, the Motion urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to increase the number of revenue options available to Allegheny County in order to equitably ensure that dedicated funding for mass transit within the County can be realized.

The Motion was approved by a vote of 14-1, with Council Member Matt Drozd voting no.

Your attention to this Motion is requested.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council