

RESOLUTION NO. 41 - 2017

EXPRESSING Cincinnati City Council's support for modification of state law concerning transport of persons using wheelchairs and **URGING** the Ohio House of Representatives, the Ohio Senate, and Governor Kasich to pass House Bill 195, which legislation will allow for the use of accessible taxis and vehicles owned by transportation network companies or their drivers in the State of Ohio, allowing Ohio to join many other states across the country in providing a variety of transportation options to persons having mobility impairments.

WHEREAS, accessibility for persons with mobility impairments is of importance not only to persons with such impairments, their families, and their friends, but to all of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, providing transportation options for people with mobility impairments, including accessible taxicabs and transportation network vehicles, will make Ohio and its cities more competitive in attracting business and conventions from across the country; and

WHEREAS, current Ohio law is antiquated and prohibits the use of accessible taxicabs and transportation network vehicles to transport persons with mobility impairments in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 195 has bipartisan support, with its two principal sponsors being Representative Catherine Ingram and Representative William Seitz; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 195 will update Ohio's laws and enable cities across the State of Ohio to implement accessible taxi cab service, ensuring the transportation of persons with mobility impairments in an economical and efficient way; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 195 has been assigned to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council express their support for improving transportation options for persons with mobility impairments and urge the Ohio House of Representatives, the Ohio Senate, and Governor Kasich to support House Bill 195, which legislation will allow for the use of accessible taxicabs in the State of Ohio.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be sent to John Kasich, Governor of Ohio; Cliff Rosenberger, Speaker of the House; Keith Faber, President of the Senate; Representative Catherine Ingram; Representative William Seitz; Doug Green, Chairman of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee; and Michael Sheehy, Ranking Member of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee.

Passed: May 17, 2017

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk

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John Cranley, Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Kevin Flynn