



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BILL: Senate Bill 607– Motor and Electric Scooter Sharing Companies – Nonvisual Access

SPONSOR: Senators Benson, King, and Lee

HEARING DATE: March 11, 2020

COMMITTEE: Finance

CONTACT: Intergovernmental Affairs Office, 301-780-8411

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS Senate Bill 607**, which requires that motor scooter sharing companies provide nonvisual access for individuals with disabilities. Such access includes an ability to receive, use, and manipulate information and operate controls necessary to access information on motor scooters. Additionally, this bill requires that these scooters have a tactile phone number so that blind and visually impaired individuals can contact the company.

The Prince George's County Human Relations Commission (HRC) is the County's civil and human rights education and enforcement agency. The HRC is designed to promote equality and anti-discriminatory practices in the County in which individuals work, play, and live. Accordingly, this Agency supports any legislation that fosters equal opportunities for individuals regardless of their disability status (visual impairments, or otherwise).

For the reasons stated above, the Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS Senate Bill 607** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report.