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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Nonpayment of Judgments**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the electronic transmission of certain judgment  
4 abstracts from a court to the Motor Vehicle Administration under certain  
5 circumstances; requiring the Administration to take certain actions against a  
6 judgment debtor upon receipt by electronic transmission of the abstract of the  
7 court's disposition of the judgment; and generally relating to the electronic  
8 transmission of information between courts and the Motor Vehicle  
9 Administration.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Transportation  
12 Section 17-202 and 17-204  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Transportation**

18 17-202.

19 If a person fails to satisfy a judgment within 30 days, the judgment creditor or  
20 his representative may send to the Administration a certified copy of the judgment OR  
21 REQUEST THE COURT TO TRANSMIT ELECTRONICALLY AN ABSTRACT OF THE COURT  
22 DISPOSITION OF THE JUDGMENT and, on a form provided by the Administration, a

1 certificate of facts relating to the judgment. The certificate of facts is prima facie  
2 evidence of the facts stated in it.

3 17-204.

4 Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, on receipt of a certified copy OR  
5 ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL OF THE COURT DISPOSITION of a judgment and a  
6 certificate of facts, the Administration shall suspend:

7 (1) The license to drive of the judgment debtor; and

8 (2) The registration of all vehicles owned by the judgment debtor and  
9 registered in this State.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
11 effect October 1, 1998.