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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Materials on Windows - Exemptions

3 FOR the purpose of expanding a certain exemption from the prohibition against

4 placing signs, posters, cards, stickers, and other nontransparent materials on a

5 window of a vehicle to allow materials placed in any location so as not to

6 substantially interfere with the driver's clear view of traffic; and generally

7 relating to provisions concerning the placement of materials on the windows of

8 vehicles.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article - Transportation

11 Section 21-1104(d)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Transportation

17 21-1104.

18 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a

19 person may not drive a vehicle with any sign, poster, card, sticker, or other

20 nontransparent material on the windshield, side wings, or side or rear windows of the

21 vehicle.

22 (2) This subsection does not apply to:

23 (i) Materials [placed on the windshield or rear window, within a 7

24 inch square area in the lower corner, or on the side windows of the vehicle to the rear

25 of the driver, if the materials are] placed so as not to SUBSTANTIALLY interfere with

26 the driver's clear view of traffic;

27 (ii) Direction, destination, or termini signs on any passenger
28 common carrier motor vehicle; or

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1 Electronic toll collection tags placed in the windshield of a (iii) 2 vehicle in accordance with the regulations of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

3 (3) The Administration shall adopt regulations to exempt from the 4 provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection materials placed on the windshield of a

5 vehicle in compliance with security measures required by a federal or State

6 government agency and approved by the Administration.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 8 October 1, 2000.