

HOUSE BILL 126

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg, Carter, and Oaks**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Seat Belt Use – Exemption for Individuals Delivering Printed**
3 **Publications**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting from the requirement to be restrained by a seat belt
5 while operating, or riding in, a motor vehicle an individual who, in the regular
6 course of the individual's employment, is delivering printed publications along a
7 specified route under certain circumstances; and generally relating to seat belt
8 use.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 22–412.3(b) and (c)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 22–412.3(f)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 22–412.3.

23 (b) A person may not operate a motor vehicle unless the person and each
24 occupant under 16 years old are restrained by a seat belt or a child safety seat as
25 provided in § 22–412.2 of this subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) (1) The provisions of this subsection apply to a person who is at least
2 16 years old.

3 (2) Unless a person is restrained by a seat belt, the person may not be
4 a passenger in an outboard front seat of a motor vehicle.

5 (3) (i) Unless a person is restrained by a seat belt, the person may
6 not be a passenger in a rear seat of a motor vehicle.

7 (ii) A police officer may enforce this paragraph only as a
8 secondary action when the police officer detains a driver of a motor vehicle for a
9 suspected violation of another provision of the Code.

10 (f) The provisions of this section do not apply to:

11 (1) U.S. Postal Service and contract carriers while delivering mail to
12 local box routes; **OR**

13 (2) **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF THE**
14 **INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYMENT, IS DELIVERING NEWSPAPERS, PHONE BOOKS, OR**
15 **OTHER PRINT PUBLICATIONS ALONG A SPECIFIED ROUTE REQUIRING**
16 **FREQUENT VEHICLE STOPS INVOLVING THE INDIVIDUAL'S EXIT FROM AND**
17 **REENTRY INTO THE VEHICLE, PROVIDED THAT THE SPEED OF THE VEHICLE**
18 **BETWEEN STOPS DOES NOT EXCEED 15 MILES PER HOUR.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2014.