

HOUSE BILL 1397

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By: **Delegate Conway**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2014

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Rental Vehicles – Notice Regarding Authorized Drivers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a person who rents a motor vehicle to a consumer to
4 provide the consumer with a certain form that notifies the consumer of certain
5 provisions of law that restrict who may drive the rented vehicle and states the
6 penalty for certain violations, relating to authorized drivers of rented motor
7 vehicles; requiring the person to require the consumer to sign the form and to
8 keep a copy of the signed form; establishing a certain civil penalty for a violation
9 of this Act; making a conforming change; and generally relating to authorized
10 drivers of rented motor vehicles.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 18–106 and 27–101(c)(14)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 18–106.

20 (a) If a person rents a motor vehicle under an agreement not to permit
21 another person to drive the vehicle the person may not permit any other person to
22 drive the rented motor vehicle.

23 (b) If a person rents a motor vehicle under an agreement not to permit
24 another person to drive the vehicle no other person may drive the rented motor vehicle
25 without the consent of the lessor or his agent.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) (1) A PERSON WHO RENTS A MOTOR VEHICLE TO A CONSUMER**
2 **UNDER AN AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF THIS**
3 **SECTION SHALL:**

4 **(I) PROVIDE THE CONSUMER WITH A FORM THAT IS**
5 **SEPARATE FROM THE RENTAL AGREEMENT AND PROVIDES NOTICE TO THE**
6 **CONSUMER OF:**

7 **1. THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF**
8 **THIS SECTION RESTRICTING WHO MAY DRIVE THE RENTED VEHICLE; AND**

9 **2. THE PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION**
10 **(A) OR (B) OF THIS SECTION PROVIDED IN § 27-101(C)(14) OF THIS ARTICLE;**

11 **(II) REQUIRE THE CONSUMER TO SIGN THE FORM; AND**

12 **(III) KEEP A COPY OF THE SIGNED FORM.**

13 **(2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
14 **SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$40.**

15 27-101.

16 (c) Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of the
17 following sections of this article is subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or
18 imprisonment for not more than 2 months or both:

19 (14) § [18-106] **18-106(A) OR (B)** (“Unauthorized use of rented motor
20 vehicle”);

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