

Chapter 168

**(Senate Bill 410)**

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore City – Vehicle Laws – Traffic Safety**

FOR the purpose of adding Baltimore City to the list of local authorities that under certain circumstances may impose certain weight and speed restrictions on vehicles passing over a bridge or culvert under the jurisdictions of the local authorities without the approval of the State Highway Administration; ~~authorizing a Baltimore City special traffic enforcement officer to issue a citation for certain violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law;~~ and generally relating to traffic safety in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 24–206(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 24–206(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City  
Section 16–16C(c)  
Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement, and 2000 Supplement, as amended)  
(As enacted by Chapter 469 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003, as amended  
by Chapter 511 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006)~~

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

**Article – Transportation**

24–206.

(a) The State Highway Administration or a local authority may regulate the weight and speed of any vehicle passing over any bridge or culvert under its jurisdiction, by placing and maintaining signs at each end of the bridge or culvert as provided in this section.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a local authority may not impose any restriction under this section without approval of the State Highway Administration.

(2) The following local authorities do not require the approval of the State Highway Administration, if they submit to that Administration, at the time of placing any sign under this section, a statement that a structural analysis has shown the necessity for the particular restriction:

- (i) Allegany County;
- (ii) Anne Arundel County;
- (iii) **BALTIMORE CITY;**
- (IV) Baltimore County;
- [(iv)] (V) Carroll County;
- [(v)] (VI) Frederick County;
- [(vi)] (VII) Harford County;
- [(vii)] (VIII) Howard County;
- [(viii)] (IX) Montgomery County;
- [(ix)] (X) Prince George's County;
- [(x)] (XI) St. Mary's County; and
- [(xi)] (XII) Washington County.

(3) The required statement shall recite that the analysis has been performed by a professional engineer experienced in the area of bridge design and shall include the engineer's name, professional engineer's license number, the date the computations were performed, and the date of the last inspection on which the computations were based.

~~Article 4 — Baltimore City~~

~~16-16C.~~

~~(c) (1) Except as limited by paragraph (2) of this subsection, a special traffic enforcement officer has the same authority to control and direct pedestrian and vehicular~~

~~traffic under the Maryland Vehicle Law and Baltimore City ordinances regulating motor vehicles as a police officer under the following circumstances:~~

- ~~(i) during regular high traffic periods;~~
- ~~(ii) as necessitated by an emergency situation or incident; and~~
- ~~(iii) in connection with a special event.~~

~~(2) A special traffic enforcement officer has no power to:~~

- ~~(i) issue citations for moving violations other than for:~~

~~1. a failure to obey lawful traffic direction or traffic control devices; [or]~~

~~2. USE OF A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE DRIVING UNDER THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, § 21-1124 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;~~

~~3. USE OF A HANDHELD TELEPHONE WHILE DRIVING UNDER THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, § 21-1124.2 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;~~

~~4. USE OF A TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE WHILE DRIVING UNDER THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, § 21-1124.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; OR~~

~~5. PROHIBITIONS AGAINST STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING AT AN INTERSECTION UNDER THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, § 21-1003 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; OR~~

- ~~(ii) make arrests.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.