SENATE BILL 316

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By: Senators Ramirez and Montgomery, Montgomery, Zirkin, Brochin, Cassilly
Gladden, Hough, Lee, Muse, Norman, Raskin, and Ready
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CHAPTER
AN ACT concerning
Vehicle Laws - Obstruction Hanging From Rearview Mirror - Enforcement
FOR the purpose of providing for enforcement only as a secondary offense for a violation of the prohibition under certain circumstances against a person driving a vehicle on a highway with any object, material, or obstruction hanging from the rearview mirror under certain circumstances.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Transportation Section 21–1104 Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
Article - Transportation
21–1104.
(a) A person may not drive a vehicle if it is so loaded or there is in the front seat so many passengers as to:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

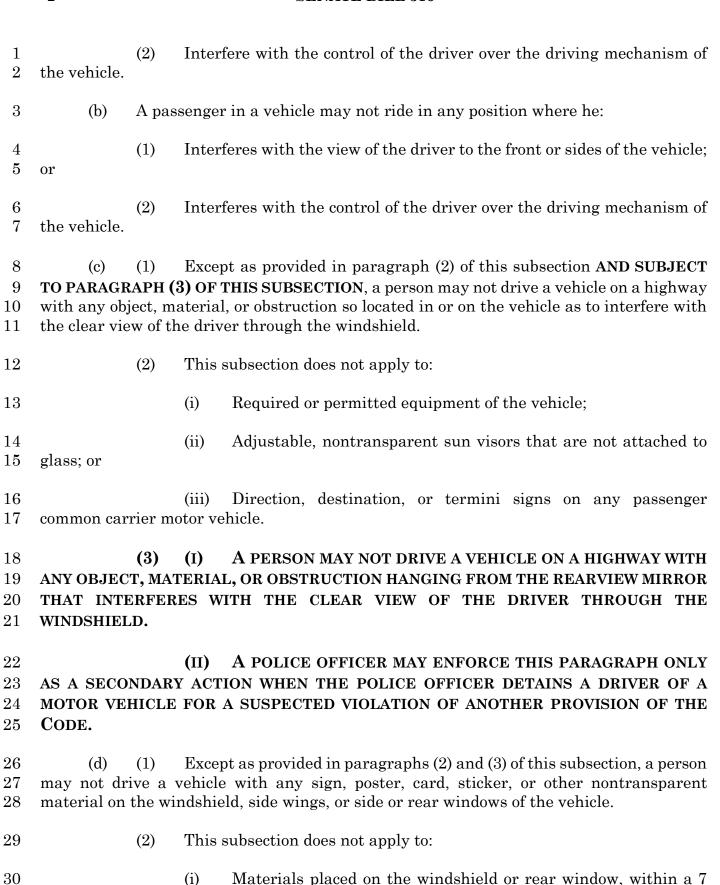
(1)

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Obstruct the view of the driver to the front or sides of the vehicle; or

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

driver, if the materials are placed so as not to interfere with the driver's clear view of traffic;

(ii) Direction, destination, or termini signs on any passenger common carrier motor vehicle; or
common carrier motor venicle, or
(iii) Electronic toll collection tags placed in the windshield of a vehicle in accordance with the regulations of the Maryland Transportation Authority.
(3) The Administration shall adopt regulations to exempt from the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection materials placed on the windshield of a vehicle in compliance with security measures required by a federal or State government agency and approved by the Administration.
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.
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Approved:
Governor.
President of the Senate.
Speaker of the House of Delegates.