

HOUSE BILL 479

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Law Enforcement Transport Vehicles – Seat Belts**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain vehicle used by a law enforcement agency to
4 transport persons be equipped with seat belts for each position on the vehicle that
5 may lawfully be occupied by a passenger; defining certain terms; and generally
6 relating to law enforcement transport vehicles.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 22–101(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 22–412.5

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 22–101.

21 (a) (1) A person may not drive and the owner may not cause or knowingly
22 permit to be driven on any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles that:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) Is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person;
- 2 (ii) Does not contain those parts or is not at all times equipped with
3 lamps and other equipment in proper condition and adjustment as required in this title; or
- 4 (iii) Is equipped in any manner in violation of this title.
- 5 (2) A person may not do any act forbidden or fail to do any act required
6 under this title.

7 **22-412.5.**

8 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
9 INDICATED.

10 (2) "SEAT BELT" MEANS A RESTRAINING DEVICE DESCRIBED UNDER
11 § 22-412 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

12 (3) "TRANSPORT VEHICLE" MEANS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE
13 PURCHASED OR LEASED BY THE STATE, A COUNTY, OR A MUNICIPALITY AND
14 OPERATED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO TRANSPORT PERSONS.

15 (B) A TRANSPORT VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE STATE SHALL BE
16 EQUIPPED WITH A SEAT BELT OR SAFETY RESTRAINING DEVICE APPROVED BY THE
17 LOCAL AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION FOR EACH POSITION ON THE VEHICLE
18 THAT MAY LAWFULLY BE OCCUPIED BY A PASSENGER.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2016.