## **SENATE BILL 53**

By: Senator Ramirez

AN ACT concerning

Requested: November 3, 2015

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2016

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

## A BILL ENTITLED

2 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
- 5 highway with any object, material, or obstruction hanging from the rearview mirror
- 6 under certain circumstances.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article Transportation
- 9 Section 21–1104
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
- 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 14 Article Transportation
- 15 21–1104.

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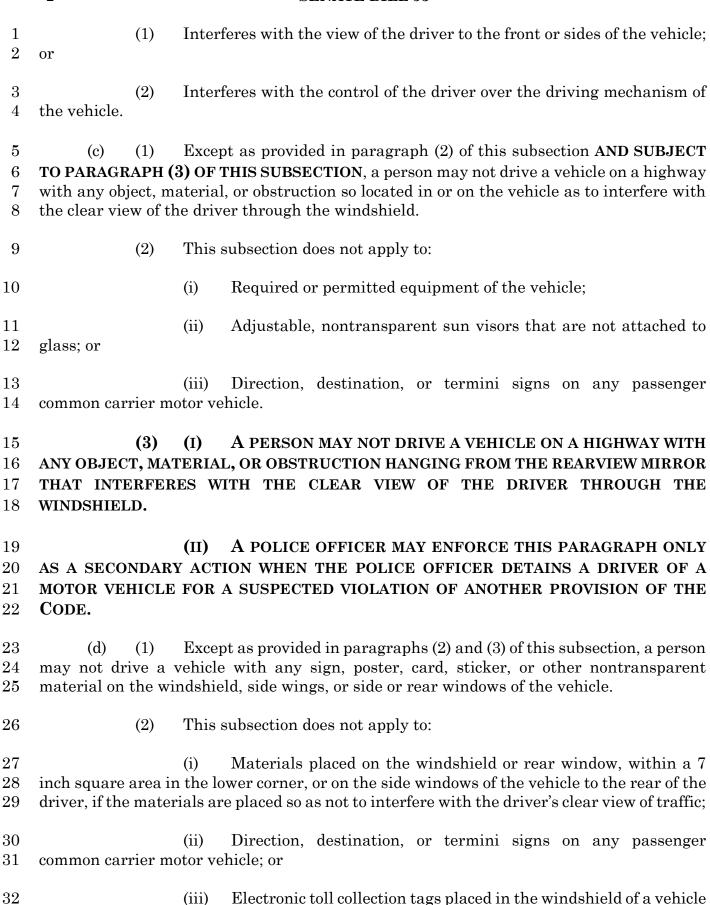
- 16 (a) A person may not drive a vehicle if it is so loaded or there is in the front seat 17 so many passengers as to:
- 18 (1) Obstruct the view of the driver to the front or sides of the vehicle; or
- 19 (2) Interfere with the control of the driver over the driving mechanism of 20 the vehicle.
- 21 (b) A passenger in a vehicle may not ride in any position where he:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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in accordance with the regulations of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

- 1 (3) The Administration shall adopt regulations to exempt from the 2 provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection materials placed on the windshield of a vehicle 3 in compliance with security measures required by a federal or State government agency 4 and approved by the Administration.
- 5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 6 October 1, 2016.