SENATE BILL 12

R57lr0414 SB 53/16 – JPR CF 7lr3454 (PRE-FILED) By: Senator Ramirez Senators Ramirez, Brochin, Lee, Muse, and Smith Requested: July 12, 2016 Introduced and read first time: January 11, 2017 Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings Committee Report: Favorable with amendments Senate action: Adopted Read second time: February 8, 2017 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 2016 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 person may not drive a vehicle if it is so loaded or there is in the front seat so many passengers as to: (1) Obstruct the view of the driver to the front or sides of the vehicle; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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

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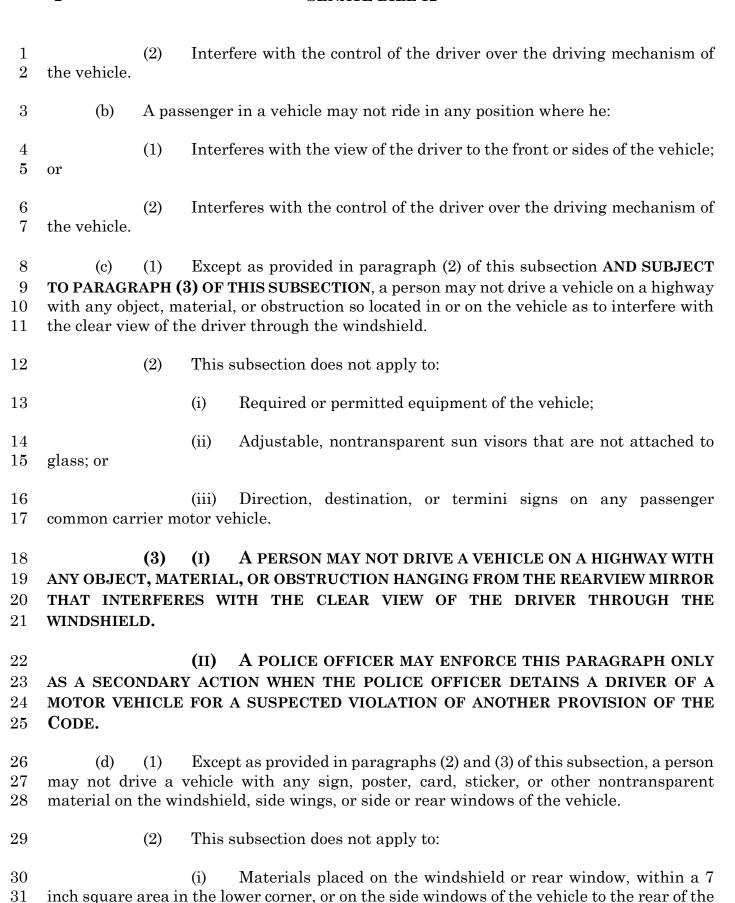
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driver, if the materials are placed so as not to interfere with the driver's clear view of traffic;

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(ii) Direction, destination, or termini signs on any passenge
common carrier motor vehicle; or
(iii) Electronic toll collection tags placed in the windshield of a vehicl 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, 2017.
Approved:
Governor.
President of the Senate.
Speaker of the House of Delegates.