

# SENATE BILL 247

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By: **Senator Jennings**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Rental and Replacement Vehicles – Age–Based Service Determinations –**  
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting under certain circumstances a rental vehicle company from,  
5 solely on the basis of age, refusing to rent a vehicle to an individual or charging an  
6 individual a higher rental fee than normally charged; prohibiting under certain  
7 circumstances an auto repair facility or a vehicle dealer from, solely on the basis of  
8 age, refusing to loan a replacement vehicle to an individual or charging an individual  
9 a higher fee for a replacement vehicle than normally charged; defining certain terms;  
10 and generally relating to age–based service determinations for rental and  
11 replacement vehicles.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Transportation  
14 Section 18–102(a)(2)(i) and 18–108(a)(1)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article – Transportation  
19 Section 18–109  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Transportation**

25 18–102.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (2) (i) In this paragraph, “replacement vehicle” means a vehicle that is  
2 loaned by an auto repair facility or a dealer, or that an individual rents temporarily, to use  
3 while a vehicle owned by the individual is not in use because of loss, as “loss” is defined in  
4 that individual’s applicable private passenger automobile insurance policy, or because of  
5 breakdown, repair, service, or damage.

6 18–108.

7 (a) (1) In this section, “rental vehicle company” means a person that rents a  
8 motor vehicle to a consumer.

9 18–109.

10 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
11 INDICATED.

12 (2) “RENTAL VEHICLE COMPANY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
13 18–108 OF THIS TITLE.

14 (3) “REPLACEMENT VEHICLE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
15 18–102 OF THIS TITLE.

16 (B) IF A VEHICLE OWNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD  
17 IS NOT IN USE BECAUSE OF THE REPAIR OR RECALL OF THE VEHICLE:

18 (1) A RENTAL VEHICLE COMPANY MAY NOT, SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF  
19 THE AGE OF THE INDIVIDUAL:

20 (I) REFUSE TO RENT A VEHICLE TO THE INDIVIDUAL; OR

21 (II) CHARGE THE INDIVIDUAL A HIGHER RENTAL FEE THAN  
22 NORMALLY CHARGED; AND

23 (2) AN AUTO REPAIR FACILITY OR A VEHICLE DEALER MAY NOT,  
24 SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THE AGE OF THE INDIVIDUAL:

25 (I) REFUSE TO LOAN A REPLACEMENT VEHICLE TO THE  
26 INDIVIDUAL; OR

27 (II) CHARGE THE INDIVIDUAL A HIGHER FEE FOR A  
28 REPLACEMENT VEHICLE THAN NORMALLY CHARGED.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 2019.