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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Uninsured Motorists - Recovery of Evidences of Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to send an investigator
4 to the home or workplace of an owner of a motor vehicle to attempt to recover the
5 evidences of registration from the owner when the registration of the motor vehicle
6 is suspended because of termination or lapse of required security and the owner has
7 not returned the evidences of registration within a certain time after receiving
8 notice of the suspension from the Administration; making stylistic changes; and
9 generally relating to the recovery of the evidences of registration of motor vehicles
10 with terminated or lapsed security.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 17-101, 17-104, and 17-106(a) through (c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - Transportation
18 Section 17-106(d)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Transportation**

24 17-101.

25 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (b) "Required security" means security in the form and providing for the
27 minimum benefits required under this subtitle or any other provisions of the Maryland
28 Vehicle Law.

29 (c) "Lapse" and "termination" mean a lapse or termination of required security,
30 as defined in regulations adopted by the Administration.

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1 17-104.

2 (a) The Administration may not issue or transfer the registration of a motor
3 vehicle unless the owner or prospective owner of the vehicle furnishes evidence
4 satisfactory to the Administration that the required security is in effect.

5 (b) The owner of a motor vehicle that is required to be registered in this State
6 shall maintain the required security for the vehicle during the registration period.

7 17-106.

8 (a) If the required security for any vehicle terminates or otherwise lapses at any
9 time, the registration of that vehicle:

10 (1) Is suspended automatically as of the date of termination or lapse; and

11 (2) Remains suspended until:

12 (i) The required security is replaced and the vehicle owner submits
13 evidence of replaced security on a form as prescribed by the Administration and certified
14 by an insurer or agent; and

15 (ii) Any uninsured motorist penalty fee assessed is paid to the
16 Administration.

17 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each insurer or
18 other provider of required security immediately shall notify the Administration of those
19 terminations or other lapses that are final.

20 (2) Each insurer or other provider of required security for a vehicle
21 registered as a Class B (for hire) vehicle under Title 13 of this article shall notify the
22 Administration within 45 days of a termination or other lapse that is final and occurs
23 anytime after the required security is issued or provided.

24 (c) On receipt of a notice under subsection (b) of this section, the Administration
25 shall make a reasonable effort to notify the owner of the vehicle that his registration has
26 been suspended.

27 (d) (1) Within 48 hours after an owner is notified by the Administration of the
28 suspension of registration, the owner shall surrender all evidences of that registration to
29 the Administration.

30 (2) If the owner fails to surrender the evidences of registration within the
31 48-hour period, the Administration:

32 (i) Shall SEND AN INVESTIGATOR TO THE HOME OR WORKPLACE
33 OF THE OWNER TO attempt to recover from the owner the evidences of registration; and

34 (ii) May suspend [his] THE OWNER'S license to drive until [he] THE
35 OWNER returns to the Motor Vehicle Administration the evidences of registration.

36 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
37 October 1, 1996.