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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Recovery of Evidences of Registration on Lapse of Required Security -**
3 **Contracts With Independent Agents**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to enter into contracts
5 with private parties to procure the services of independent agents to assist in the
6 recovery of the evidences of registration upon the suspension of the vehicle's
7 registration due to the lapse of the required security.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 17-106(a), (b), and (c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

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

20 **Article - Transportation**

21 17-106.

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

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

2 (2) Remains suspended until:

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

6 (ii) Any uninsured motorist penalty fee assessed is paid to the
7 Administration.

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

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

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

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

21 (2) If the owner fails to surrender the evidences of registration within the
22 48-hour period, the Administration:

23 (i) Shall attempt to recover from the owner the evidences of
24 registration; and

25 (ii) May suspend his license to drive until he returns to the Motor
26 Vehicle Administration the evidences of registration.

27 (3) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH
28 PRIVATE PARTIES TO PROCURE THE SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT AGENTS TO ASSIST
29 IN THE RECOVERY OF THE EVIDENCES OF REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED IN
30 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

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

