

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 816

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Mandatory Seat Belt Use" and substitute "Seat Belt Offenses"; and strike beginning with "clarifying" in line 6 down through "belt;" in line 8.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 14, insert:

"Preamble

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly to strengthen the enforcement of mandatory seat belt use laws in order to increase the survival rates of individuals involved in vehicular accidents on Maryland's highways, reduce the severity of vehicular accident injuries, and curb the escalating costs of health care, workers' compensation, and other insurance-related expenditures associated with motor vehicle accidents; and

WHEREAS, By providing for the primary enforcement of seat belt laws, the General Assembly intends to enhance the safety of motorists on the State's highways, but does not intend to expand in any way the circumstances under which a law enforcement officer may lawfully inspect or search a motor vehicle or the vehicle's contents, driver, or passengers; now, therefore,."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 4, strike "article" and substitute "SUBTITLE".

On page 3, in line 17, strike "(k)"; and strike beginning with "A" in line 21 down through "SECTION." in line 23.