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**By: Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee (Departmental -  
Transportation)**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Issuance of Citations - Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of Motor Vehicle Administration  
4 investigators by authorizing the issuance of citations for certain violations relating to  
5 driver licensing, handicapped parking, unlawful vehicle operation, and special  
6 residential parking, and violations of certain antitheft laws; and generally relating to  
7 the authority of Administration investigators to issue citations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Transportation  
10 Section 12-104.1  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 12-104.1.

17 (a) The Administrator may designate employees of the Investigative Division of  
18 the Administration to exercise the powers specified in subsection (b) of this section.

19 (b) (1) An employee appointed under this section may issue citations to the  
20 extent authorized by the Administrator for violations of:

21 (i) Those provisions of Title 13 of this article relating to:

22 1. The vehicle excise tax; [and]

23 2. Vehicle titling and registration; [and]

24 3. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH  
25 DISABILITIES; AND

26 4. PARKING PERMITS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

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1 (ii) Those provisions of Title 17 of this article relating to required  
2 security;

3 (III) THOSE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE RELATING  
4 TO FALSIFIED, ALTERED, OR FORGED DOCUMENTS AND PLATES;

5 (IV) THOSE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 16 OF THIS ARTICLE RELATING  
6 TO UNLAWFUL APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE AND VEHICLE OPERATION DURING  
7 PERIODS OF CANCELLATION, REVOCATION, AND SUSPENSION OF A DRIVER'S  
8 LICENSE; AND

9 (V) THOSE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 21 OF THIS ARTICLE RELATING  
10 TO SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

11 (2) The issuance of citations under this section shall comply with the  
12 requirements of § 26-201 of this article.

13 (c) The Administrator shall adopt regulations establishing:

14 (1) Qualifications for employees appointed under this section including  
15 prerequisites of character, training, experience, and education; and

16 (2) Standards for the performance of the duties assigned to employees  
17 appointed under this section.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 July 1, 1997.