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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Motor Carrier Safety - Conformance with Federal Regulations**

3 FOR the purpose of amending certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law to
4 conform to applicable Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; altering a certain
5 definition; and generally relating to conforming certain provisions to Federal Motor
6 Carrier Safety Regulations.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 23-301(f) and 25-111(f)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 25-111(a)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 23-301.

21 (f) "Vehicle" means any vehicle registered in this State as:

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1 (1) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a registered, [or] operating, OR RATED
2 gross vehicle weight of over 10,000 pounds;

3 (2) A Class F (tractor) vehicle;

4 (3) A Class G ([freight] trailer or [freight] semitrailer) vehicle WITH A
5 REGISTERED, OPERATING, OR RATED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OVER 10,000
6 POUNDS;

7 (4) A Class P (passenger bus) vehicle; or

8 (5) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle that:

9 (i) Is used primarily to transport passengers; and

10 (ii) 1. [Has a seating capacity for] IS DESIGNED TO TRANSPORT
11 16 passengers or more, including the driver; or

12 2. Was previously registered under § 13-932 or § 13-933 of this
13 article.

14 25-111.

15 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (2) "Hazardous materials inspector" means a person who is assigned by the
17 Department of the Environment and certified by the Department of State Police to
18 perform an inspection authorized under this section.

19 (3) "Police officer" means:

20 (i) Any uniformed law enforcement officer;

21 (ii) Any civilian employee of the Department of State Police assigned
22 to enforce any rule or regulation adopted under this section, but only while acting under
23 written authorization of the Secretary of the State Police;

24 (iii) Any civilian employee of the Maryland Transportation Authority
25 Police who is:

26 1. Acting under the immediate direction and control of a
27 uniformed police officer;

28 2. Acting under the written authorization of the Secretary of
29 the State Police; and

30 3. Certified by the Department of State Police to perform an
31 inspection authorized under this section; or

32 (iv) Any civilian employee of a local government who is:

33 1. Acting under the immediate direction and control of a
34 uniformed police officer;

35 2. Acting under the written authorization of the Secretary of
36 the State Police; and

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1 (3) The rules or regulations adopted under this subsection may require that
2 registrants of motor vehicles subject to this subsection have knowledge of applicable
3 federal and State motor carrier safety regulations.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 1997.