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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Taxicabs - Working Locks on All Doors**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that every door in a taxicab be equipped with a door lock
4 that is in working order at all times; specifying certain conditions under which a lock
5 is to be considered in working order; requiring an inspection by a certain date to
6 verify that doors are equipped with locks; and generally relating to door locks in
7 taxicabs.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 22-419
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 22-419.

17 (A) IN A TAXICAB, EVERY DOOR SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A DOOR LOCK
18 THAT IS IN WORKING ORDER AT ALL TIMES.

19 (B) A DOOR LOCK IS CONSIDERED TO BE IN WORKING ORDER IF A DRIVER
20 OR PASSENGER CAN LOCK AND UNLOCK THE DOOR LOCK AT WILL.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, by July 1, 1997, each
22 taxicab in the State shall be inspected to verify that all door locks are in working order as
23 required by § 22-419 of the Transportation Article as enacted by this Act.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 June 1, 1997.