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By: **Delegates Slade, Wood, and O'Donnell**
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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles - Windshield Materials - Governmental Exemptions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations
4 to exempt certain government agencies from certain prohibitions against
5 driving a vehicle with certain materials on the vehicle's windshield; and
6 generally relating to windshield material prohibitions and exemptions.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 21-1104(d)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Transportation**

15 21-1104.

16 (d) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph (2)] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of
17 this subsection, a person may not drive a vehicle with any sign, poster, card, sticker,
18 or other nontransparent material on the windshield, side wings, or side or rear
19 windows of the vehicle.

20 (2) This subsection does not apply to:

21 (i) Materials placed on the windshield or rear window, within a 7
22 inch square area in the lower corner, or on the side windows of the vehicle to the rear
23 of the driver, if the materials are placed so as not to interfere with the driver's clear
24 view of traffic;

25 (ii) Direction, destination, or termini signs on any passenger
26 common carrier motor vehicle; or

1 (iii) Electronic toll collection tags placed in the windshield of a
2 vehicle in accordance with the regulations of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

3 (3) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO EXEMPT
4 FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MATERIALS PLACED
5 ON THE WINDSHIELD OF A VEHICLE IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECURITY MEASURES
6 REQUIRED BY A FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND APPROVED BY THE
7 ADMINISTRATION.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 1999.