

HOUSE BILL 171

Unofficial Copy  
R5

1999 Regular Session  
9r1012

---

By: **Delegates Slade, Wood, and O'Donnell**  
Introduced and read first time: January 29, 1999  
Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

---

Committee Report: Favorable  
House action: Adopted  
Read second time: February 23, 1999

---

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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

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

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

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

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