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25 OPPOSITE THE DRIVER'S SEAT AND adjacent to a door of a motor vehicle.

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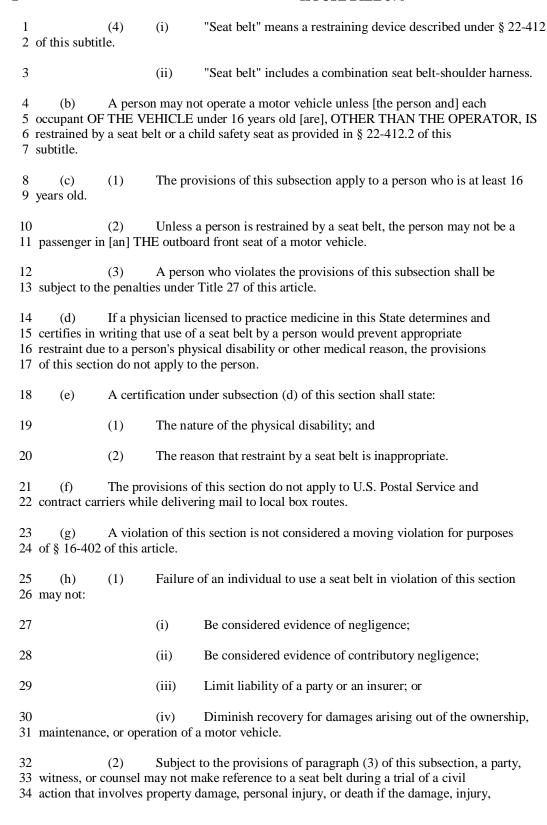
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By: Delegate C. Davis Introduced and read first time: February 8, 1999 Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Vehicle Laws - Seat Belt Use 3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law that prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle unless the person is restrained by a seat belt; altering 4 the definition of certain terms; clarifying language; and generally relating to 5 6 seat belt usage requirements. 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Transportation 8 Section 22-412.3 9 10 Annotated Code of Maryland (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement) 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 12 13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 14 **Article - Transportation** 15 22-412.3. In this section the following words have the meanings indicated. 16 (a) (1) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle that is: 17 (2) (i) 18 Registered or OF A TYPE capable of being registered in this 1. 19 State as a Class A (passenger), Class E (truck), Class F (tractor), Class M 20 (multipurpose), or Class P (passenger bus) vehicle; and 21 Required to be equipped with seat belts under federal 22 motor vehicle safety standards contained in the Code of Federal Regulations.

"Motor vehicle" does not include a Class L (historic) vehicle.

"Outboard front seat" means [a] THE front seat position that is

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- 1 or death is not related to the design, manufacture, installation, supplying, or repair of 2 a seat belt.
- 3 (3) (i) Nothing contained in this subsection may be construed to
- 4 prohibit the right of a person to institute a civil action for damages against a dealer,
- 5 manufacturer, distributor, factory branch, or other appropriate entity arising out of
- 6 an incident that involves a defectively installed or defectively operating seat belt.
- 7 (ii) In a civil action in which 2 or more parties are named as joint
- 8 tort-feasors, interpleaded as defendants, or impleaded as defendants, and 1 of the
- 9 joint tort-feasors or defendants is not involved in the design, manufacture,
- 10 installation, supplying, or repair of a seat belt, a court shall order separate trials to
- 11 accomplish the ends of justice on a motion of any party.
- 12 (i) The Administration and the Department of State Police shall establish
- 13 prevention and education programs to encourage compliance with the provisions of
- 14 this section.
- 15 (j) The Administration shall include information on this State's experience
- 16 with the provisions of this section in the annual evaluation report on the State's
- 17 highway safety plan that this State submits to the National Highway Traffic Safety
- 18 Administration and the Federal Highway Administration under 23 U.S.C. § 402.
- 19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 20 October 1, 1999.