

SENATE BILL 454

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1999 Regular Session  
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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- Judicial Proceedings/Commerce and Government Matters --

Introduced by **Senator Della**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Rental Vehicles - Registration Cards**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~defining the term "registration card" for certain provisions of law~~  
4 ~~concerning carrying and displaying a registration card, to include a valid vehicle~~  
5 ~~rental agreement under certain circumstances~~ allowing the use of a rental  
6 agreement in place of a registration card in certain situations involving rental  
7 vehicles to satisfy certain requirements under the Maryland Vehicle Law  
8 pertaining to possession and display of registration cards; and generally relating  
9 to registration cards for rental vehicles.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Transportation  
12 Section 13-409  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

1 Article - Transportation  
 2 Section 18-101  
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 4 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

7 **Article - Transportation**

8 13-409.

9 (a) ~~IN THIS SECTION, "REGISTRATION CARD" INCLUDES A VALID RENTAL~~  
 10 ~~AGREEMENT IN THE CASE OF A RENTAL VEHICLE THAT:~~

11 ~~(1) IS RENTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 18 OF THIS ARTICLE;~~  
 12 ~~OR~~

13 ~~(2) IS REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE.~~

14 ~~(B)~~ An individual who is driving or in control of a vehicle shall carry a  
 15 registration card in the vehicle to which the registration card refers.

16 ~~{(b)}~~ ~~(C)~~ On demand of a police officer who identifies himself as a police  
 17 officer, an individual who is driving or in control of a vehicle shall display a  
 18 registration card that refers to the vehicle.

19 ~~(C)~~ AN INDIVIDUAL MAY SATISFY SUBSECTION (A) OR (B) OF THIS SECTION BY  
 20 CARRYING IN THE VEHICLE AND MAKING AVAILABLE A VALID RENTAL AGREEMENT  
 21 IN PLACE OF A REGISTRATION CARD IN THE CASE OF A RENTAL VEHICLE THAT IS:

22 (1) RENTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 18 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

23 (2) RENTED OR LEASED FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 180 DAYS AND  
 24 REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE.

25 [(c)] (D) This section does not apply if the card is being used to apply for the  
 26 transfer of registration of the vehicle.

27 18-101.

28 In this title, "rent" means to rent or lease for a period not exceeding 180 days.

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

