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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Proof of Insurance - Traffic Stops**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the owner of a motor vehicle registered in the State to
4 maintain proof of required security in the vehicle; requiring the driver of the
5 vehicle to display proof of required security under certain circumstances;
6 providing that, in the case of certain rental vehicles, proof of required security
7 may be satisfied in a specified manner; providing that certain violations do not
8 constitute a moving violation for certain purposes; and generally relating to
9 verification of required security for a motor vehicle under provisions of the
10 Maryland Vehicle Law.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 17-101(b), 17-102, and 17-110
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article - Transportation
18 Section 17-104.1
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Transportation**

24 17-101.

25 (b) "Required security" means security in the form and providing for the
26 minimum benefits required under this subtitle or any other provisions of the
27 Maryland Vehicle Law.

1 17-102.

2 This subtitle does not apply to the following vehicles and their drivers:

3 (1) Farm equipment or special mobile equipment incidentally operated
4 on a highway or on other property open to the public; or

5 (2) A vehicle operated on a highway only to cross the highway from one
6 property to another.

7 17-104.1.

8 (A) AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS REGISTERED IN THIS STATE
9 SHALL MAINTAIN IN THE VEHICLE PROOF OF REQUIRED SECURITY FOR THE
10 VEHICLE.

11 (B) A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS REGISTERED IN THIS STATE
12 SHALL DISPLAY THE PROOF OF REQUIRED SECURITY ON DEMAND OF A POLICE
13 OFFICER WHO SHOWS IDENTIFICATION AS A POLICE OFFICER.

14 (C) SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE SATISFIED BY
15 MAINTAINING IN THE VEHICLE AND MAKING AVAILABLE A VALID RENTAL
16 AGREEMENT THAT PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF REQUIRED SECURITY IN THE CASE OF A
17 RENTAL VEHICLE THAT IS RENTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 18 OF THIS
18 ARTICLE.

19 (D) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (A) OR (B) OF THIS SECTION IS
20 NOT A MOVING VIOLATION FOR PURPOSES OF § 16-402 OF THIS ARTICLE.

21 17-110.

22 Whenever evidence of security is required under this subtitle, a person may not
23 willfully and knowingly create, certify, file, or provide false evidence of required
24 security.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2000.