
By: **Delegate Schisler**
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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Homes and Travel Trailers - Bottled Propane Gas Regulations -**
3 **Modification of Tunnel Restrictions**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain motor carrier safety regulations adopted by
5 the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Department of State Police from
6 prohibiting a motor home or travel trailer that is carrying bottled propane gas
7 from using the Fort McHenry Tunnel (I-95) or the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel
8 (I-895) based on the weight of any individual container being carried unless the
9 weight of the container exceeds a certain weight; and generally relating to the
10 modification of regulations restricting the use of tunnels by motor homes and
11 travel trailers carrying bottled propane gas.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 11-134.3 and 11-170
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - Transportation
19 Section 25-111(i)(1)(vi) and (vii)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

22 BY adding to
23 Article - Transportation
24 Section 25-111(i)(1)(viii)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

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Article - Transportation

2 11-134.3.

3 "Motor home" means a motor vehicle that is designed and constructed primarily
4 to provide living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use.

5 11-170.

6 (a) "Travel trailer" means a vehicle that:

7 (1) Is mounted on wheels;

8 (2) Is of such a size and weight as not to require any special highway
9 movement permit when towed by a motor vehicle;

10 (3) Is designed and constructed primarily to provide temporary living
11 quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use; and

12 (4) Is no longer than 40 feet.

13 (b) "Travel trailer" includes a fifth wheel travel trailer.

14 25-111.

15 (i) (1) Except as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, regulations
16 adopted under this section for intrastate motor carrier transportation may not:

17 (vi) Apply the medical examination and certification requirements
18 of §§ 391.41(a), 391.43 and 391.45 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to
19 a driver who operates a vehicle or vehicle combination with a registered gross or
20 combination weight of less than 26,001 pounds; [or]

21 (vii) Except in the case of bus drivers, apply the provisions of §
22 391.41(b)(1) through (11) of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to any
23 person who:

24 1. Was otherwise qualified to operate and operated a
25 commercial motor vehicle in intrastate commerce on or before October 1, 1992;

26 2. Operates only in intrastate commerce; and

27 3. Has a mental or physical condition which would disqualify
28 the person under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and:

29 A. The condition existed on October 1, 1992 or at the time of
30 the first physical examination after that date to which the person submitted as
31 required by regulations adopted by the Administration under subsection (k) of this
32 section; and

1 B. A physician who has examined the person has determined
2 that the condition has not substantially worsened since October 1, 1992 or the time of
3 the first required physical examination after that date; OR

4 (VIII) PROHIBIT A MOTOR HOME OR TRAVEL TRAILER THAT IS
5 CARRYING BOTTLED PROPANE GAS FROM USING THE FORT MCHENRY TUNNEL
6 (INTERSTATE ROUTE 95) OR THE BALTIMORE HARBOR TUNNEL (INTERSTATE ROUTE
7 895) BASED ON THE WEIGHT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL CONTAINER OF PROPANE BEING
8 CARRIED, UNLESS THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF THE CONTAINER AND ITS CONTENTS
9 EXCEEDS 70 POUNDS.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2001.