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By: **Senator Astle**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles - Operating Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a multipurpose passenger vehicle that has a motor  
4 with a certain horsepower rating or a certain motor capacity may not be  
5 operated on a roadway with a certain maximum speed limit or on an expressway  
6 or controlled access highway; requiring that certain persons who sell a certain  
7 multipurpose passenger vehicle must inform the buyer of certain restrictions;  
8 and generally relating to restrictions on multipurpose passenger vehicles.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article - Transportation  
11 Section 11-136.2  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article - Transportation  
16 Section 21-1303.1  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Transportation**

22 11-136.2.

23 "Multipurpose passenger vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:

24 (1) Is designed primarily for carrying persons and which is constructed  
25 on a truck chassis or with special features for occasional off-road operations;

26 (2) Has 3 wheels; or

1 (3) Is of a unique design that does not clearly meet the requirements of  
2 any other class, as determined by the Administrator.

3 21-1303.1.

4 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, a person may not  
5 operate a motorcycle OR MULTIPURPOSE PASSENGER VEHICLE that has a motor with  
6 a rating of 1.5 brake horsepower or less, or a capacity of less than 70 cubic  
7 centimeters piston displacement:

8 (1) On a roadway where the posted maximum speed limit is more than  
9 50 miles per hour; or

10 (2) On any expressway or other controlled access highway.

11 (b) (1) Prior to the sale of such vehicle, any dealer or agent or employee of a  
12 dealer, any vehicle salesman, or other person who sells a motorcycle OR  
13 MULTIPURPOSE PASSENGER VEHICLE as defined in this subsection shall inform the  
14 buyer of the operating restrictions imposed by this section.

15 (2) The Administration may provide a warning of the operating  
16 restrictions imposed by this subsection.

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