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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Vehicle Laws - Obscuring or Modifying Registration Plate with Intent to**  
3                                   **Avoid Identification**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from obscuring or modifying any vehicle  
5 registration plate with intent to avoid identification; providing certain  
6 administrative and criminal penalties for a violation of this Act; and generally  
7 relating to vehicle registration plates.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article - Transportation  
10 Section 16-402(a)(1) and 27-101(b)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article - Transportation  
15 Section 21-1112.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Transportation**

2 16-402.

3 (a) After the conviction of an individual for a violation of Article 27, § 388, §  
4 388A, or § 388B of the Code, or of the vehicle laws or regulations of this State or of any  
5 local authority, points shall be assessed against the individual as of the date of  
6 violation and as follows:

7 (1) Any moving violation not listed below and not contributing to an  
8 accident ..... 1 point

9 21-1112.1.

10 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT OBSCURE OR MODIFY ANY VEHICLE REGISTRATION  
11 PLATE WITH INTENT TO AVOID IDENTIFICATION.

12 (B) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A MOVING VIOLATION FOR THE  
13 PURPOSE OF THE ASSESSMENT OF POINTS UNDER § 16-402 OF THIS ARTICLE.

14 27-101.

15 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a  
16 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is  
17 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2002.