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By: **Delegates Murphy and Oaks**

Rules suspended

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Materials on Windows - Exemptions**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding a certain exemption from the prohibition against
4 placing signs, posters, cards, stickers, and other nontransparent materials on a
5 window of a vehicle to allow materials placed in any location so as not to
6 substantially interfere with the driver's clear view of traffic; making this Act an
7 emergency measure; and generally relating to provisions concerning the
8 placement of materials on the windows of vehicles.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 21-1104(d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Transportation**

17 21-1104.

18 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a
19 person may not drive a vehicle with any sign, poster, card, sticker, or other
20 nontransparent material on the windshield, side wings, or side or rear windows of the
21 vehicle.

22 (2) This subsection does not apply to:

23 (i) Materials [placed on the windshield or rear window, within a 7
24 inch square area in the lower corner, or on the side windows of the vehicle to the rear
25 of the driver, if the materials are] placed so as not to SUBSTANTIALLY interfere with
26 the driver's clear view of traffic;

1 (ii) Direction, destination, or termini signs on any passenger
2 common carrier motor vehicle; or

3 (iii) Electronic toll collection tags placed in the windshield of a
4 vehicle in accordance with the regulations of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

5 (3) The Administration shall adopt regulations to exempt from the
6 provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection materials placed on the windshield of a
7 vehicle in compliance with security measures required by a federal or State
8 government agency and approved by the Administration.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
10 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
11 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
12 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
13 the date it is enacted.