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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Lapsed or Terminated Security - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the penalty that may be assessed by the Motor Vehicle
4 Administration for a vehicle that is without the security required for the vehicle
5 for a certain period; increasing the penalty that may be assessed for a vehicle
6 that continues to be in violation of certain security requirements for a certain
7 period; increasing the amount of the daily penalty that may be assessed for
8 violating certain vehicle security requirements after a certain period; increasing
9 the maximum penalty that may be assessed for a violation of certain vehicle
10 security requirements occurring within a certain period; and generally relating
11 to penalties for lapsed or terminated security for motor vehicles.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 17-106(e)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 17-106.

21 (e) (1) (i) In addition to any other penalty provided for in the Maryland
22 Vehicle Law, if the required security for a vehicle terminates or otherwise lapses
23 during its registration year, the Administration may assess the owner of the vehicle
24 with [a penalty of \$150 for each vehicle without the required security for a period of
25 1 to 30 days. If a fine is assessed, beginning on the 31st day the fine shall increase by
26 a rate of \$7 for each day] THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:

27 1. FOR EACH VEHICLE WITHOUT THE REQUIRED SECURITY
28 FOR A PERIOD OF 1 TO 15 DAYS, \$75; OR

1 that occurred before the transfer shall continue as if no transfer had occurred and a
2 new registration may not be issued until the penalty fee is paid.

3 (5) An amount equal to the monetary penalties paid to the
4 Administration under paragraph (2) of this subsection may be used by the
5 Administration only for the enforcement of this subtitle.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2005.