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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles - Motor Scooters, Mopeds, and Other Motorized Minibikes -**
 3 **~~Standards and Requirements~~ Motorized Minibikes - Regulation**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~altering the definition of "motor vehicle" to include motor~~
 5 ~~seooters, mopeds, and other motorized minibikes; clarifying that a moped is~~
 6 ~~subject to motor vehicle titling requirements; requiring an application for a~~
 7 ~~vehiele title for a motorized minibike to include certain information;~~
 8 ~~establishing a motor vehicle classification for motorized minibikes; requiring the~~
 9 ~~Motor Vehicle Administration to distribute the registration fees for motorized~~
 10 ~~minibikes in a certain manner; adding motorized minibikes to the vehicles for~~
 11 ~~which certain registration plates may be used; repealing provisions of law~~
 12 ~~establishing and governing the moped operator's permit; establishing driver's~~
 13 ~~license and learner's instructional permit authorizations for motorized~~
 14 ~~minibikes; authorizing the State Highway Administration or a local authority to~~
 15 ~~prohibit the use of a controlled access highway under its jurisdiction by a person~~
 16 ~~operating a motorized minibike; establishing certain equipment standards for~~
 17 ~~motorized minibikes; clarifying that motorized minibikes are exempted from~~
 18 ~~certain equipment standards; prohibiting a political subdivision, in the exercise~~
 19 ~~of its authority to regulate parking, from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or~~
 20 ~~regulation that prohibits the parking of more than a certain number of~~
 21 ~~motorized minibikes in a space served by a single parking meter; defining a~~
 22 ~~authorizing local authorities to establish a permit program and a permit fee for~~
 23 ~~motorized minibikes; requiring a person who sells a motorized minibike to~~
 24 ~~inform the buyer in writing that certain driving restrictions apply; defining~~
 25 ~~"motorized minibike"; repealing a certain definition certain term; making a~~
 26 ~~stylistic change; and generally relating to motorized minibikes.~~

- 1 BY renumbering
 2 Article - Transportation
 3 Section 11-134.4
 4 to be Section 11-134.5
 5 Annotated Code of Maryland
 6 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)
- 7 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
 8 ~~Article - Transportation~~
 9 ~~Section 11-134.1, 11-134.5, 11-136, 11-176, 13-101.1, 13-104(a), 13-402(a),~~
 10 ~~13-915, 17-104(a), 22-101(e)(1), 22-301(b), 23-104, 23-107(a), 23-202(a)~~
 11 ~~and (b)(1), 23-206(a) and (b), and 23-207~~
 12 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 13 ~~(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)~~
- 14 ~~BY adding to~~
 15 ~~Article - Transportation~~
 16 ~~Section 11-134.4 and 13-915.1~~
 17 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 18 ~~(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)~~
- 19 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
 20 ~~Article - Transportation~~
 21 ~~Section 11-135, 13-102, 13-104(e), 13-941, 16-101, 16-104(d) and (e), 16-104.1,~~
 22 ~~16-105(b) and (c), 16-815(e)(1), 17-107(a), 21-313(a), 21-1207, 22-203,~~
 23 ~~22-205(a), 22-206(b), 22-214(a), 22-222, 22-226(a), 22-301(e)(1) and (i),~~
 24 ~~22-304, 22-403, 22-404, 22-405.1(d), 22-412, and 26-301(e)~~
 25 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 26 ~~(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)~~
- 27 ~~BY repealing~~
 28 ~~Article - Transportation~~
 29 ~~Section 16-104.2~~
 30 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 31 ~~(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)~~
- 32 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 33 Article - Transportation
 34 Section 11-134.1
 35 Annotated Code of Maryland
 36 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)
- 37 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 38 Article - Transportation

1 Section 11-134.5
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)
 4 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

5 BY adding to
 6 Article - Transportation
 7 Section 11-134.4
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
 9 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 11 Article - Transportation
 12 Section 15-112 and 25-102(a)(15)
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
 14 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 16 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 11-134.4 of Article - Transportation of the Annotated
 17 Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 11-134.5.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
 19 read as follows:

20 **Article - Transportation**

21 11-134.1.

22 "Moped" means a bicycle that:

23 (1) Is designed to be operated by human power with the assistance of a
 24 motor;

25 (2) Is equipped with pedals that mechanically drive the rear wheel or
 26 wheels;

27 (3) Has two or three wheels, of which one is more than 14 inches in
 28 diameter; and

29 (4) Has a motor with a rating of 1.5 brake horsepower or less and, if the
 30 motor is an internal combustion engine, a capacity of 50 cubic centimeters piston
 31 displacement or less.

32 11-134.4.

33 (A) "MOTORIZED MINIBIKE" MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT:

34 (1) HAS TWO OR THREE WHEELS; AND

1 (2) IS NOT A ~~MOTORCYCLE~~ SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION UNDER TITLE 13
 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

3 (B) "MOTORIZED MINIBIKE" ~~INCLUDES~~ DOES NOT INCLUDE:

4 (1) A MOTOR SCOOTER;

5 (2) A MOPED; ~~AND~~

6 ~~(3) ANY OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE DESIGNATED UNDER REGULATIONS~~
 7 ~~ADOPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION OR~~

8 (3) A FARM TRACTOR.

9 11-134.5.

10 (a) "Motor scooter" means a nonpedal vehicle that:

11 (1) Has a seat for the operator;

12 (2) Has two wheels, of which one is 10 inches or more in diameter;

13 (3) Has a step-through chassis;

14 (4) Has a motor:

15 (i) With a rating of 2.7 brake horsepower or less; or

16 (ii) If the motor is an internal combustion engine, with a capacity of
 17 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement or less; and

18 (5) Is equipped with an automatic transmission.

19 (b) "Motor scooter" does not include a vehicle that has been manufactured for
 20 off-road use, including a motorcycle and an all-terrain vehicle.

21 15-112.

22 (a) [In this section, "minibike":

23 (1) Means a motor vehicle that:

24 (i) Has a saddle for the use of the rider;

25 (ii) Is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact
 26 with the ground; and

27 (iii) Is not subject to registration under Title 13 of this article; and

28 (2) Does not include a farm tractor.

1 (b) Any dealer or agent or employee of a dealer, any vehicle salesman, or any
 2 other person who sells a MOTORIZED minibike shall inform the buyer [that the use of
 3 a] IN WRITING THAT A MOTORIZED minibike MAY NOT BE DRIVEN on a highway
 4 [may be illegal] IN THE STATE.

5 [(c)] (B) Any dealer or agent or employee of a dealer, any vehicle salesman, or
 6 any other person who sells a MOTORIZED minibike shall inform the buyer IN WRITING
 7 that local law, ordinance, and regulation may limit the use of the MOTORIZED
 8 minibike.

9 25-102.

10 (a) The provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law do not prevent a local
 11 authority, in the reasonable exercise of its police power, from exercising the following
 12 powers as to highways under its jurisdiction:

13 (15) Requiring a MOTORIZED minibike[, as defined in § 15-112(a) of this
 14 article, to be registered] TO BE PERMITTED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY, and imposing
 15 a [registration] PERMIT fee;

16 ~~11-135.~~

17 (a) [(1)] "Motor vehicle" means, except as provided in subsection (b) of this
 18 section, a vehicle that:

19 [(i)] (1) Is self-propelled or propelled by electric power obtained
 20 from overhead electrical wires; and

21 [(ii)] (2) Is not operated on rails.

22 [(2)] (B) "Motor vehicle" includes [a]:

23 (1) A low speed vehicle, AS DEFINED IN § 11-130.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;
 24 AND

25 (2) A MOTORIZED MINIBIKE, AS DEFINED IN § 11-134.4 OF THIS
 26 SUBTITLE.

27 [(b)] "Motor vehicle" does not include:

28 (1) A moped, as defined in § 11-134.1 of this subtitle; or

29 (2) A motor scooter, as defined in § 11-134.4 of this subtitle.]

30 ~~11-136.~~

31 (a) "Motoreycle" means a motor vehicle that:

32 (1) Has one front wheel and one or two rear wheels on a single axle;
 33 however, if it is equipped with two rear wheels on a single axle, the rear tread width
 34 may not exceed 25 inches;

1 (2) Is self propelled by a motor with a rating of more than 1.5 brake
2 horsepower and a capacity of at least 49 cubic centimeters piston displacement;

3 (3) Has a singular front steering road wheel mounted in a fork assembly
4 that passes through a frame steering bearing and to which is attached a handlebar or
5 other directly operated steering device;

6 (4) Has a seat that is straddled by the driver; and

7 (5) Except for a windshield or windscreen, does not have any enclosure
8 or provision for an enclosure for the driver or any passenger.

9 (b) A detachable sidecar is an accessory to and not a part of a motorcycle.

10 ~~11-176.~~

11 (a) (1) "Vehicle" means, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
12 any device in, on, or by which any individual or property is or might be transported or
13 towed on a highway.

14 (2) "Vehicle" includes a low speed vehicle.

15 (b) "Vehicle" does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device as
16 defined in § 21-101(g-1) of this article.

17 ~~13-101.1.~~

18 Except as provided in § 13-102 of this subtitle, the owner of each vehicle that is
19 in this State and for which the Administration has not issued a certificate of title
20 shall apply to the Administration for a certificate of title of the vehicle.

21 ~~13-102.~~

22 A certificate of title is not required for:

23 (1) A vehicle owned and used by the United States, unless it is registered
24 in this State;

25 (2) A new vehicle owned by a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale,
26 even though incidentally moved on the highway or used for purposes of testing or
27 demonstration;

28 (3) A vehicle used by a manufacturer only for testing;

29 (4) A vehicle owned by a nonresident of this State and not required by
30 law to be registered in this State;

31 (5) A vehicle regularly engaged in the interstate transportation of people
32 or property and for which a currently effective certificate of title has been issued in
33 another state;

- 1 (6) A vehicle moved only by human or animal power;
- 2 (7) ~~[A] EXCEPT FOR MOPEDS, A bicycle;~~
- 3 (8) A vehicle in which interest has passed to a secured party on default of
4 the owner;
- 5 (9) Farm equipment;
- 6 (10) Special mobile equipment;
- 7 (11) A self propelled invalid:
- 8 (i) Wheelchair; or
- 9 (ii) Tricycle; or
- 10 (12) A trailer, other than a camping trailer, rated by the manufacturer as
11 having a gross vehicle weight of 2,500 pounds or less.
- 12 ~~13-104.~~
- 13 (a) The application for a certificate of title of a vehicle shall be made by the
14 owner of the vehicle on the form that the Administration requires.
- 15 (e) The application shall contain:
- 16 (1) The full name and Maryland address of the owner, including:
- 17 (i) If the owner is an individual, the owner's Maryland residence
18 and mailing addresses;
- 19 (ii) If the owner is a business firm, association, or corporation, its
20 federal identification number and:
- 21 1. Its business address in this State; or
- 22 2. The name and address of its resident agent in this State;
- 23 (iii) If the owner is a partnership or joint venture, the name of each
24 partner or joint venturer;
- 25 (iv) If the owner is an unincorporated association, joint stock
26 company, or other group described in § 6-406 of the Courts Article, the name and
27 address of a resident agent on whom service may be made in any lawsuit arising out
28 of the ownership, maintenance, or use of the vehicle; and
- 29 (v) If the owner is a trustee, the address of the trust in this State
30 and the name and address of a person in this State on whom service may be made in
31 any lawsuit arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of the vehicle;

- 1 (2) (i) If the owner is an individual, the owner's date of birth; and
- 2 (ii) If the owner is a partnership or joint venture, the date of birth
3 of each partner or joint venturer;
- 4 (3) A description of the vehicle, including:
- 5 (i) To the extent that the information exists, its make, model, year,
6 vehicle identification number, type of body, and number of cylinders;
- 7 (ii) If the vehicle is a two stage vehicle:
- 8 1. The make and year of the first stage; and
- 9 2. The make, model, and year of the second stage;
- 10 (iii) If the vehicle is a motorcycle with an engine manufactured on or
11 after January 1, 1977, OR A MOTORIZED MINIBIKE, the identifying number of the
12 engine; and
- 13 (iv) Any other information that the Administration requires;
- 14 (4) A statement of:
- 15 (i) The applicant's title to and each security interest in the vehicle;
16 and
- 17 (ii) The name and address of each secured party with any security
18 interest in the vehicle and the nature and order of priority of that interest; and
- 19 (5) Any other information that the Administration reasonably requires
20 to determine if the owner is entitled to a certificate of title.
- 21 ~~13-402.~~
- 22 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or elsewhere in the
23 Maryland Vehicle Law, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven
24 on a highway shall be registered under this subtitle.
- 25 (2) If a motor vehicle required to be registered under this subtitle is not
26 registered, a person may not park the unregistered motor vehicle on any:
- 27 (i) Public alley, street, or highway; or
- 28 (ii) Private property used by the public in general, including
29 parking lots of shopping centers, condominiums, apartments, or town house
30 developments.
- 31 (3) The provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection do not apply to a
32 motor vehicle that is exempt from registration under this section or § 13-402.1 of this
33 subtitle.

1 ~~13-915.~~

2 (a) When registered with the Administration, every motorcycle is a Class D
3 (motorcycle) vehicle.

4 (b) For each Class D (motorcycle) vehicle, the annual registration fee is
5 \$35.00.

6 ~~13-915.1.~~

7 (A) WHEN REGISTERED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, EVERY MOTORIZED
8 MINIBIKE IS A CLASS D (MOTORIZED MINIBIKE) VEHICLE.

9 (B) (1) FOR EACH CLASS D (MOTORIZED MINIBIKE) VEHICLE, THE ANNUAL
10 REGISTRATION FEE IS \$35.00.

11 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE REGISTRATION FEE
12 COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE LOCAL JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE
13 CLASS D (MOTORIZED MINIBIKE) VEHICLE IS REGISTERED.

14 ~~13-941.~~

15 (a) Special registration plates issued to a motorcycle dealer under § 13-621 of
16 this title for use only on motorcycles AND MOTORIZED MINIBIKES are Class 1B
17 (motorcycle dealer) registration plates.

18 (b) For Class 1B (motorcycle dealer) registration plates, the annual
19 registration fee for each registration plate issued to the applicant shall be established
20 by the Administration.

21 (c) A Class 1B (motorcycle dealer) registration plate may be used only on
22 motorcycles AND MOTORIZED MINIBIKES owned or used by the motorcycle dealer and
23 only as permitted by § 13-621 of this title.

24 ~~16-101.~~

25 [(a)] An individual may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any
26 highway in this State unless:

27 (1) The individual holds a driver's license issued under this title;

28 (2) The individual is expressly exempt from the licensing requirements
29 of this title; or

30 (3) The individual otherwise is specifically authorized by this title to
31 drive vehicles of the class that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

32 [(b)] Each individual operating on any highway in this State a moped, as
33 defined in § 11-134.1 of this article or a motor scooter, as defined in § 11-134.4 of this
34 article, shall have with the individual:

1 (1) A driver's license issued to the individual under this title, which
2 license may be of any class issued by the Administration;

3 (2) If the individual is a nonresident of this State, a license to drive
4 issued to the individual by the state or country of the individual's residence, which
5 license may be for any class of vehicle; or

6 (3) A moped operator's permit issued to the individual under this
7 subtitle.}]

8 46-104.

9 (d) (1) A Class D driver's license authorizes the licensee to drive any vehicle
10 or combinations of vehicles, except:

11 (i) Combinations of Class F (tractor) and Class G (trailer) vehicles;

12 (ii) Vehicles or combinations of vehicles with a registered gross
13 vehicle weight or registered gross combination weight of more than 25,000 pounds,
14 but not including an uncoupled truck tractor;

15 (iii) Buses over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; and

16 (iv) Motorcycles AND MOTORIZED MINIBIKES.

17 (2) An individual who is issued a Class D driver's license under this
18 subsection may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any highway in this
19 State unless a Class D driver's license authorizes the individual to drive a vehicle of
20 the class that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

21 (e) (1) A Class E driver's license authorizes the licensee to drive motorcycles
22 AND MOTORIZED MINIBIKES.

23 (2) An individual who is issued a Class E driver's license under this
24 subsection may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any highway in this
25 State unless a Class E driver's license authorizes the individual to drive a vehicle of
26 the class that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

27 46-104.1.

28 (a) (1) A noncommercial Class A driver's license authorizes the licensee to
29 drive combinations of Class F (tractor) and Class G (trailer) vehicles and any vehicle
30 that a noncommercial Class B driver's license authorizes its holder to drive, except:

31 (i) Commercial motor vehicles; and

32 (ii) Motorcycles AND MOTORIZED MINIBIKES.

33 (2) An individual who is issued a noncommercial Class A driver's license
34 under this subsection may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any
35 highway in this State unless a noncommercial Class A driver's license authorizes the

1 individual to drive a vehicle of the class that the individual is driving or attempting to
2 drive.

3 (b) (1) A noncommercial Class B driver's license authorizes the licensee to
4 drive any single vehicle or combinations of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating
5 (GVWR) or gross combination weight rating (GCWR), as defined in § 16-803 of this
6 title, of 26,001 pounds and more and any vehicle that a noncommercial Class C
7 driver's license authorizes its holder to drive, except:

8 (i) Commercial motor vehicles;

9 (ii) Motorcycles AND MOTORIZED MINIBIKES; and

10 (iii) Combinations of Class F (tractor) and Class G (trailer) vehicles.

11 (2) An individual who is issued a noncommercial Class B driver's license
12 under this subsection may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any
13 highway in this State unless a noncommercial Class B driver's license authorizes the
14 individual to drive a vehicle of the class that the individual is driving or attempting to
15 drive.

16 (c) (1) A noncommercial Class C driver's license authorizes the licensee to
17 drive any vehicle or combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating
18 (GVWR), as defined in § 16-803 of this title, of less than 26,001 pounds, except:

19 (i) Commercial motor vehicles; and

20 (ii) Motorcycles AND MOTORIZED MINIBIKES.

21 (2) An individual who is issued a noncommercial Class C driver's license
22 under this subsection may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any
23 highway in this State unless a noncommercial Class C driver's license authorizes the
24 individual to drive a vehicle of the class that the individual is driving or attempting to
25 drive.

26 (d) (1) A Class M driver's license authorizes the licensee to drive motorcycles
27 AND MOTORIZED MINIBIKES.

28 (2) An individual who is issued a Class M driver's license under this
29 subsection may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any highway in this
30 State unless a Class M driver's license authorizes the individual to drive a vehicle of
31 the class that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

32 (e) Except when the towing vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle and subject
33 to the provisions of this section, a noncommercial Class A, B, or C license holder may:

34 (1) Tow any travel trailer as defined in § 11-170 of this article;

35 (2) Tow any camping trailer as defined in § 11-106 of this article; or

36 (3) Tow any boat trailer as defined in § 11-104.1 of this article.

1 (f) This section applies to any license issued or renewed on or after January 1,
2 1990.

3 ~~16-104.2.~~

4 (a) On application, the Administration shall issue a moped operator's permit
5 to an individual who is 16 years of age or older, and who does not possess a valid
6 driver's license issued by this State or any other jurisdiction, but whose license or
7 privilege to drive is not revoked, suspended, refused, or cancelled.

8 (b) An applicant is entitled to receive a moped operator's permit if the
9 applicant:

10 (1) Passes the examination provided for in § 16-110(c)(1) of this subtitle;
11 and

12 (2) Pays the fee provided for in this section.

13 (c) Each application for a moped operator's permit shall be on a form and
14 contain the information that the Administration requires and each permit issued
15 shall be of a size, design, and content that the Administration specifies.

16 (d) (1) A permit is not valid unless the applicant signs the applicant's name
17 on it in the applicant's usual signature.

18 (2) When issued and signed, a moped operator's permit only authorizes
19 its holder to operate a moped, as defined in § 11-134.1 of this article or a motor
20 scooter, as defined in § 11-134.4 of this article.

21 (e) A moped operator's permit expires every 5 years. It may be renewed on
22 application and payment of the fee required by subsection (f) of this section.

23 (f) (1) For issuance or renewal of a moped operator's permit, an applicant
24 shall pay the Administration a fee established by the Administration.

25 (2) For issuance of a duplicate moped operator's permit, an applicant
26 shall pay the Administration a fee established by the Administration.]

27 ~~16-105.~~

28 (b) (1) The holder of a learner's instructional permit may drive the same
29 vehicle and combinations of vehicles as may a holder of the class of driver's license for
30 which the permit holder has applied, but only while accompanied by and under the
31 immediate supervision of an individual who:

32 (i) Is at least 21 years old;

33 (ii) Has been licensed for at least 3 years in this State or in another
34 state to drive vehicles of the class then being driven by the holder of the learner's
35 instructional permit; and

1 (iii) Unless the vehicle is a motorcycle OR ~~MOTORIZED MINIBIKE~~, is
2 seated beside the holder of the learner's instructional permit.

3 (2) The individual supervising the holder of the learner's instructional
4 permit under paragraph (1) of this subsection is the only individual allowed in the
5 front seat of a motor vehicle with the permit holder while the permit holder is driving.

6 (e) The holder of a learner's instructional permit for a motorcycle ~~[may] OR~~
7 ~~MOTORIZED MINIBIKE:~~

8 (1) ~~MAY drive the motorcycle with another individual on it only if the~~
9 ~~other individual is one described in subsection (b)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section; AND~~

10 (2) ~~MAY NOT DRIVE A MOTORIZED MINIBIKE.~~

11 ~~16-815.~~

12 (e) (1) ~~A Class C commercial driver's license authorizes the licensee to drive~~
13 ~~the following motor vehicles and combinations of motor vehicles:~~

14 (i) ~~Any single vehicle less than 26,001 pounds gross vehicle weight~~
15 ~~rating (GVWR);~~

16 (ii) ~~Any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds~~
17 ~~GVWR; and~~

18 (iii) ~~Any vehicle which a noncommercial Class C driver's license~~
19 ~~authorizes its holder to drive, except for motorcycles OR MOTORIZED MINIBIKES.~~

20 ~~17-104.~~

21 (a) ~~The Administration may not issue or transfer the registration of a motor~~
22 ~~vehicle unless the owner or prospective owner of the vehicle furnishes evidence~~
23 ~~satisfactory to the Administration that the required security is in effect.~~

24 ~~17-107.~~

25 (a) ~~A person who knows or has reason to know that a motor vehicle is not~~
26 ~~covered by the required security may not:~~

27 (1) ~~Drive the vehicle; or~~

28 (2) ~~If [he] THE PERSON is an owner of the vehicle, knowingly permit~~
29 ~~another person to drive it.~~

30 ~~21-313.~~

31 (a) ~~The State Highway Administration, by order, or any local authority, by~~
32 ~~ordinance, may prohibit the use of any controlled access highway in its jurisdiction by~~
33 ~~parades, low speed vehicles, funeral processions, bicycles, or other nonmotorized~~
34 ~~traffic or by any person operating a motorcycle OR MOTORIZED MINIBIKE.~~

1 ~~21-1207.~~

2 (a) (1) If a bicycle or [a motor scooter] ~~MOTORIZED MINIBIKE~~ is used on a
3 highway at any time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric
4 conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a
5 distance of 1,000 feet, the bicycle or [motor scooter] ~~MOTORIZED MINIBIKE~~ shall be
6 equipped:

7 (i) On the front, with a lamp that emits a white light visible from
8 a distance of at least 500 feet to the front; and

9 (ii) On the rear, with a red reflector of a type approved by the
10 Administration and visible from all distances from 600 feet to 100 feet to the rear
11 when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

12 (2) A bicycle or bicyclist may be equipped with a lamp that emits a red
13 light or a flashing amber light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear in
14 addition to the red reflector required by paragraph (1) of this subsection.

15 (b) A person may not operate a bicycle or [a motor scooter] ~~MOTORIZED~~
16 ~~MINIBIKE~~ unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal
17 audible for a distance of at least 100 feet.

18 (c) However, a bicycle or [motor scooter] ~~MOTORIZED MINIBIKE~~ may not be
19 equipped with nor may any person use on a bicycle any siren or whistle.

20 (d) Every bicycle and [motor scooter] ~~MOTORIZED MINIBIKE~~ shall be
21 equipped with a brake that enables its operator to make the braked wheels skid on
22 dry, level, clean pavement.

23 ~~22-101.~~

24 (e) (1) The provisions of this title with respect to equipment on vehicles do
25 not apply to farm equipment, road machinery, road rollers, or farm tractors, except as
26 made applicable in this title.

27 ~~22-203.~~

28 (a) In this section, the term "motorcycle" includes Class M (multipurpose)
29 vehicles that are designated by the Administrator.

30 (b) Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle ~~OR MOTORIZED MINIBIKE~~,
31 shall be equipped with at least two headlamps with at least one on each side of the
32 front of the motor vehicle, which headlamps shall emit white light and comply with
33 the requirements and limitations set forth in this title.

34 (c) Every motorcycle ~~OR MOTORIZED MINIBIKE~~ shall be equipped with at least
35 one and not more than two headlamps that comply with the requirements and
36 limitations of this title.

1 (d) Every headlamp on every motor vehicle, including every motorcycle OR
2 ~~MOTORIZED MINIBIKE~~, shall be located at a height of not more than 54 inches nor less
3 than 24 inches.

4 ~~22-205.~~

5 (a) (1) After July 1, 1971, every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole
6 trailer, and any special mobile equipment being towed, shall carry on the rear, either
7 as part of the tail lamps or separately, two or more red reflectors meeting the
8 requirements of this section, except that:

9 (i) Motorcycles AND MOTORIZED MINIBIKES shall carry at least
10 one reflector; and

11 (ii) Vehicles of the types mentioned in § 22-208 of this subtitle shall
12 be equipped with reflectors meeting the requirements of §§ 22-210 and 22-211(a) and
13 (b) of this subtitle.

14 (2) Before this date every vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, including
15 devices moved by muscular power, shall carry on the rear at least one reflector, and
16 after this date, every vehicle mentioned in this paragraph that is not mentioned in
17 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall carry on the rear at least one reflector.

18 ~~22-206.~~

19 (b) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer registered in this
20 State and sold as a new vehicle after June 1, 1961, shall be equipped with electric
21 turn signal lamps meeting the requirements of § 22-219(b) through (h) of this
22 subtitle, except that:

23 (1) Motorcycles AND MOTORIZED MINIBIKES need not be equipped with
24 electric turn signal lamps; and

25 (2) The requirements of this section apply only to those trailers,
26 semitrailers, and pole trailers that are registered in this State and sold as new
27 vehicles on or after July 1, 1971.

28 ~~22-214.~~

29 (a) Every vehicle shall be equipped with one or more lamps that, when lighted,
30 display a white or amber light visible from a distance of 1,000 feet to the front of the
31 vehicle, and a red light visible from a distance of 1,000 feet to the rear of the vehicle.
32 The location of the lamp or lamps shall always be such that at least one lamp or
33 combination of lamps meeting the requirements of this section is installed as near as
34 practicable to the side of the vehicle that is closest to passing traffic. This subsection
35 does not apply to motorcycles AND MOTORIZED MINIBIKES.

1 ~~22-222.~~

2 (a) Except as otherwise provided in the Maryland Vehicle Law, the headlamps
3 or the auxiliary driving lamp or combination thereof on motor vehicles, other than
4 motorcycles OR MOTORIZED MINIBIKES, shall be so arranged that the driver may
5 select at will between distributions of light projected to different elevations, and the
6 lamps, in addition, may be so arranged that the selection can be made automatically,
7 subject to the following limitations:

8 (1) There shall be an uppermost distribution of light, or composite beam,
9 so aimed and of intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 450
10 feet ahead for all conditions of loading;

11 (2) There shall be a lowermost distribution of light, or composite beam,
12 so aimed and of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at
13 least 150 feet ahead; and

14 (3) On a straight level road under any condition of loading, none of the
15 high intensity portion of the beam may be directed to strike the eyes of an
16 approaching driver.

17 (b) Every new motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle OR MOTORIZED
18 MINIBIKE, registered in this State after January 1, 1955, which has multiple beam
19 road lighting equipment shall be equipped with a beam indicator, which shall be
20 lighted whenever the uppermost distribution of light from the headlamps is in use,
21 and may not otherwise be lighted.

22 (c) The indicator shall be so designed and located that, when lighted, it will be
23 readily visible without glare to the driver of the vehicle so equipped.

24 ~~22-226.~~

25 (a) At all times specified in § 22-201.1 of this subtitle, at least two lighted
26 lamps shall be displayed, one on each side, at the front of every motor vehicle other
27 than a motorcycle OR MOTORIZED MINIBIKE, except when the vehicle is parked
28 subject to the regulations governing lights on parked vehicles.

29 ~~22-301.~~

30 (b) Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer, and any
31 combination of these vehicles, while operating on a highway in this State, shall be
32 equipped with brakes in compliance with the requirements of this title. All the
33 vehicles and combinations of vehicles shall be equipped with service brakes complying
34 with the performance requirements of § 22-302 of this subtitle and, except as
35 provided in subsection (1) of this section, adequate to control the movement of and to
36 stop and hold the vehicle under all conditions of loading, and on any grade incident to
37 its operation.

38 (c) (1) All the vehicles and combinations of vehicles, except motorcycles AND
39 MOTORIZED MINIBIKES, shall be equipped with parking brakes adequate to hold the

1 vehicle on any grade on which it is operated, under all conditions of loading, on a
2 surface free from snow, ice, or loose material.

3 (i) Except as provided in subsection (l) of this section, after June 1, 1971,
4 every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer, and every combination of
5 these vehicles, except motorcycles AND MOTORIZED MINIBIKES, equipped with brakes
6 shall have the braking system so arranged that one control device can be used to
7 operate all service brakes. This requirement does not prohibit vehicles from being
8 equipped with an additional control device to be used to operate brakes on the towed
9 vehicles. This regulation does not apply to driveaway or towaway operations unless
10 the brakes on the individual vehicles are designed to be operated by a single control
11 on the towing vehicle, nor does it apply to the operation of electric trailer brakes.

12 ~~22-304.~~

13 (a) The Administrator is authorized to require an inspection of the braking
14 system on any motorcycle OR MOTORIZED MINIBIKE and to disapprove any braking
15 system on a vehicle that he finds will not comply with the performance ability
16 standard set forth in § 22-302 of this subtitle or that, in his opinion, is equipped with
17 a braking system that is not so designed or constructed as to insure reasonable and
18 reliable performance in actual use.

19 (b) The Administrator may refuse to register or may suspend or revoke the
20 registration of any vehicle referred to in this section when he determines that the
21 braking system on it does not comply with the provisions of this section.

22 (c) A person may not operate on any highway any vehicle referred to in this
23 section if the Administrator has disapproved the braking system on the vehicle.

24 ~~22-403.~~

25 (a) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with at least one mirror located to
26 reflect to the driver a view of the highway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear
27 of the vehicle.

28 (b) Every motor vehicle registered in this State shall be equipped with an
29 outside mirror on the driver's side located to reflect to the driver a view of the
30 highway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle and along the
31 driver's side of the vehicle. This subsection does not apply to motorcycles OR
32 MOTORIZED MINIBIKES, which are governed by subsection (c) of this section.

33 (c) Every motorcycle OR MOTORIZED MINIBIKE shall be equipped with two
34 rearview mirrors, one each attached to the right and left handlebars, which shall
35 meet applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

36 (d) Where the view through the inside rearview mirror is obstructed, two
37 outside rearview mirrors are required.

1 ~~22-404.~~

2 (a) A person may not drive any motor vehicle with any sign, poster, or other
3 nontransparent material on the front windshield or sidewings of the vehicle other
4 than a certificate or other paper either required to be so displayed by law or
5 authorized by the Administrator.

6 (b) The windshield on every motor vehicle, except motoreycles OR MOTORIZED
7 MINIBIKES, shall be equipped with a device for cleaning rain, snow, or other moisture
8 from the windshield, which device shall be constructed to be controlled or operated by
9 the driver of the vehicle.

10 (c) Every windshield wiper on a motor vehicle shall be maintained in good
11 working order.

12 ~~22-405.1.~~

13 (d) A person may not sell, offer for sale, or have in his possession with intent to
14 sell, any motor vehicle tire, or motoreycle OR MOTORIZED MINIBIKE tire, that has had
15 its tread regrooved without the fact being plainly shown by a marking or label in the
16 English language on the shoulder sidewall of the tire.

17 ~~22-412.~~

18 (a) Every motor vehicle registered in this State and manufactured or
19 assembled after June 1, 1964, shall be equipped with two sets of seat belts on the
20 front seat of the vehicle.

21 (b) Every motor vehicle registered in this State and manufactured or
22 assembled with a rear seat after June 1, 1969, shall be equipped with two sets of seat
23 belts on the rear seat of the vehicle.

24 (c) A person may not sell or offer for sale any vehicle in violation of this
25 section.

26 (d) For the purpose of this section only, "motor vehicle" does not include any
27 motoreycle, MOTORIZED MINIBIKE, bus, truck, or taxicab.

28 (e) For the purpose of this section only, "seat belt" means any belt, strap,
29 harness, or like device.

30 (f) A seat belt may not be sold or offered for sale for use in connection with the
31 operation of a motor vehicle in this State after June 1, 1964, unless it meets
32 applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

33 ~~23-104.~~

34 (a) Every vehicle driven on the highways in this State shall, where applicable,
35 have the following equipment, meeting or exceeding the standards established jointly
36 by the Administration and the Division: brakes, steering, suspension, horn, door

1 handles, mirrors, tires, exhaust system, lights, glazing, windshield wipers, odometer,
2 speedometer, bumpers, properly aligned wheels, wheels and wheel lugs, fenders, floor
3 pans, hood, hood catches, emissions equipment, fuel system, front seat, motor
4 mounts, gear selection indicator for automatic transmissions, universal joints, and
5 seat belts or combination seat belt shoulder harness if required as original
6 equipment under § 22-412 or § 22-412.1 of this article.

7 (b) (1) ~~The Administration and the Division jointly may establish standards~~
8 ~~by rule or regulation for this equipment.~~

9 (2) ~~The Administration and the Division shall adopt, consistent with~~
10 ~~federal law, regulations establishing equipment, performance, and other technical~~
11 ~~standards for low speed vehicles.~~

12 ~~23-107.~~

13 (a) (1) ~~Before the Administration titles and registers any used vehicle, it~~
14 ~~shall require the applicant to present a valid inspection certificate for the vehicle.~~

15 (2) ~~For the purposes of this subsection, an inspection certificate shall~~
16 ~~remain valid from the date the inspection certificate is issued for a period of:~~

17 (i) ~~90 days; or~~

18 (ii) ~~In the case of an inspection certificate issued for a used vehicle~~
19 ~~owned and held in inventory by a dealer licensed under Title 15 of this article, the~~
20 ~~earlier of:~~

21 1. ~~6 months; or~~

22 2. ~~When 1,000 miles have been added to the vehicle's~~
23 ~~odometer since the inspection certificate was issued.~~

24 (3) ~~This subsection does not apply to any vehicle transferred within 30~~
25 ~~days after the date of an inspection certificate issued for the vehicle and filed by the~~
26 ~~Administration in its title records.~~

27 ~~23-202.~~

28 (a) (1) ~~Subject to subsection (d) of this section, the Administration and the~~
29 ~~Secretary shall establish an emissions control program in the State in accordance~~
30 ~~with the federal Clean Air Act.~~

31 (2) ~~The program shall remain in effect only as long as required by federal~~
32 ~~law.~~

33 (b) (1) ~~The emissions program shall provide for a biennial exhaust emissions~~
34 ~~test and emissions equipment and misfueling inspection for all vehicles of the 1977~~
35 ~~model year and each model year thereafter.~~

1 ~~23-206.~~

2 (a) An owner of a motor vehicle that is registered in this State shall have the
3 vehicle inspected and tested as required under this subtitle.

4 (b) A motor vehicle registered in this State, unless exempted or given a waiver
5 under this subtitle, shall meet the standards and requirements of this subtitle.

6 ~~23-207.~~

7 The Administration and the Secretary may jointly adopt rules and regulations
8 as required for purposes of implementation, administration, regulation, and
9 enforcement of the provisions of this subtitle, including rules and regulations that,
10 consistent with federal law, exempt certain vehicles from the inspections and tests
11 under this subtitle.

12 ~~26-301.~~

13 (e) A political subdivision may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation
14 that prohibits the parking of more than one motorcycle OR MOTORIZED MINIBIKE
15 within a space served by a single parking meter.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2006.