
By: **Delegate Malone**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Low Speed Vehicles - Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem - Application**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a requirement that certain vehicles display a slow
4 moving vehicle emblem does not apply to certain low speed vehicles; and
5 generally relating to low speed vehicles.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article - Transportation
8 Section 11-130.1
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 21-805
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 11-130.1.

20 "Low speed vehicle" means a four-wheeled electric vehicle that has a maximum
21 speed capability that exceeds 20 miles per hour but is less than 25 miles per hour.

22 21-805.

23 (a) (1) This subsection does not apply to [vehicles]:

24 (i) [Used] VEHICLES USED by any utility in the construction,
25 maintenance, or repair of its facilities; [or]

1 (ii) [Used] VEHICLES USED by any highway authority or bridge or
2 highway district in construction, maintenance, repair, inspection, or survey work; OR

3 (III) LOW SPEED VEHICLES.

4 (2) A person may not drive on a highway any vehicle or combination of
5 vehicles that is designed to be and is driven at a speed of 25 miles an hour or less,
6 unless the rearmost vehicle displays a slow moving vehicle emblem in accordance
7 with this section.

8 (b) Any other vehicle or combination of vehicles, when driven at a speed of 25
9 miles an hour or less, may display a slow moving vehicle emblem in accordance with
10 this section.

11 (c) The slow moving vehicle emblem specified in this section shall:

12 (1) Be a truncated equilateral triangle at least 14 inches high with a red
13 reflective border at least 1.75 inches wide and with a fluorescent orange center;

14 (2) Comply with current standards and specifications of the American
15 Society of Agricultural Engineers; and

16 (3) Be mounted on the rear of the vehicle, base down, at a height of not
17 less than 3 nor more than 5 feet from ground to base.

18 (d) New farm equipment designed or intended by the manufacturer to be
19 driven or moved at a speed of 25 miles an hour or less may not be sold in this State
20 unless it is equipped by the manufacturer with a slow moving vehicle emblem in
21 accordance with this section.

22 (e) The slow moving vehicle emblem shall be displayed and maintained on the
23 farm equipment as long as it can be driven or moved on a highway.

24 (f) The slow moving vehicle emblem described in this section may be
25 displayed only as permitted or required by this section.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2006.