

# HOUSE BILL 1294

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Carrying and Displaying Proof of Required Security –**  
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring an individual who is operating a vehicle to carry a  
5 certain proof of required security in the vehicle and to display the proof of  
6 required security on demand of a police officer; providing that certain  
7 requirements regarding proof of required security for a rental vehicle may be  
8 satisfied by carrying and making available a valid rental agreement under  
9 certain circumstances; providing that a certain penalty applies to a failure to  
10 carry or display a certain proof of required security; defining a certain term; and  
11 generally relating to requirements for drivers to carry and provide proof of  
12 required security.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – Transportation  
15 Section 17–103(a) and 27–101(b)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article – Transportation  
20 Section 17–111  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Transportation**

26 17–103.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (a)   (1)   Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the form of  
2 security required under this subtitle is a vehicle liability insurance policy written by  
3 an insurer authorized to write these policies in this State.

4           (2)   The Administration may accept another form of security in place of  
5 a vehicle liability insurance policy if it finds that the other form of security adequately  
6 provides the benefits required by subsection (b) of this section.

7           (3)   The Administration shall, by regulation, assess each self-insurer  
8 an annual sum which may not exceed \$750, and which shall be used for actuarial  
9 studies and audits to determine financial solvency.

10 **17-111.**

11           **(A)   IN THIS SECTION, “PROOF OF THE REQUIRED SECURITY” MEANS:**

12                   **(1)   A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY AN INSURER AUTHORIZED TO WRITE**  
13 **VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES IN THE STATE THAT LISTS:**

14                           **(I)   THE NAME OF THE INSURER;**

15                           **(II)  THE POLICY NUMBER;**

16                           **(III) THE NAME OF THE INSURED;**

17                           **(IV) VEHICLES COVERED BY THE POLICY; AND**

18                           **(V)  THE PERIOD OF COVERAGE FOR THE INSURANCE; OR**

19                   **(2)   A DOCUMENT EVIDENCING A FORM OF SECURITY**  
20 **ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION IN PLACE OF A VEHICLE LIABILITY**  
21 **INSURANCE POLICY UNDER § 17-103(A)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

22           **(B)   AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS OPERATING A VEHICLE SHALL:**

23                   **(1)   CARRY IN THE VEHICLE PROOF OF THE REQUIRED SECURITY**  
24 **FOR THE VEHICLE; AND**

25                   **(2)   ON DEMAND OF A POLICE OFFICER, DISPLAY THE PROOF OF**  
26 **THE REQUIRED SECURITY.**

27           **(C)   AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A RENTAL VEHICLE MAY SATISFY THE**  
28 **REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION BY CARRYING IN THE**

1 **VEHICLE AND MAKING AVAILABLE A VALID RENTAL AGREEMENT IN PLACE OF**  
2 **PROOF OF THE REQUIRED SECURITY IF THE VEHICLE IS:**

3 **(1) RENTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 18 OF THIS**  
4 **ARTICLE; OR**

5 **(2) RENTED OR LEASED FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 180 DAYS**  
6 **AND REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE.**

7 27-101.

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

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2008.