

HOUSE BILL 224

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By: **Allegany County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2009

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Motor Vehicle and Bicycle Racing Events – Sunset Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain termination provision relating to motor vehicle
4 and bicycle racing events; and generally relating to motor vehicle and bicycle
5 racing events.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 21–1211
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Chapter 211 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007
13 Section 2

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 21–1211.

18 (a) When the State Highway Administration or a local authority approves a
19 motor vehicle or bicycle racing event on a highway or a highway bridge under its
20 respective jurisdiction, motor vehicle or bicycle racing shall be lawful.

21 (b) The State Highway Administration or a local authority may approve a
22 motor vehicle or bicycle racing event only if:

23 (1) The racing event is held under conditions that:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) Provide reasonable safety for race participants, spectators,
2 and other highway or highway bridge users; and

3 (ii) Prevent unreasonable interference with traffic flow that
4 would seriously inconvenience other highway or highway bridge users;

5 (2) The sponsors of the racing event:

6 (i) Indemnify the State and local governments from any loss
7 arising out of or relating to the racing event; and

8 (ii) Provide comprehensive liability insurance, in an amount to
9 be determined by the State Highway Administration or local authority with
10 jurisdiction over the highway on which the racing event is to be held, for the benefit of
11 the State and local governments, spectators, and other highway or highway bridge
12 users;

13 (3) The county or other local jurisdiction in which the racing event is
14 held provides written authorization for the racing event; and

15 (4) The highway on which the racing event is held is closed, in a
16 manner approved by the State Highway Administration or local authority with
17 jurisdiction over the highway, with appropriate access measures in place.

18 (c) If traffic control adequately assures the safety of participants, spectators,
19 and other highway or highway bridge users, the State Highway Administration or a
20 local authority may exempt participants in an approved motor vehicle or bicycle racing
21 event from compliance with other provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law that
22 otherwise would be applicable to the participants in the motor vehicle or bicycle racing
23 event.

24 Chapter 211 of the Acts of 2007

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
26 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
27 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
28 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
29 the date it is enacted. [It shall remain effective through September 30, 2009, and at
30 the end of September 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General
31 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 July 1, 2009.