

HOUSE BILL 224

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By: **Allegany County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2009

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

Committee Report: Favorable

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CHAPTER _____

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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

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

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

8 (2) The sponsors of the racing event:

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

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

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

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

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

27 **Chapter 211 of the Acts of 2007**

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.