

CHAPTER 233

(House Bill 224)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

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

Article – Transportation

21–1211.

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The sponsors of the racing event:

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

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

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

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

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

Chapter 211 of the Acts of 2007

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.