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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; requiring an individual who receives a citation for a
10 violation of this Act or the owner of the vehicle involved in the violation to
11 submit to the Motor Vehicle Administration within a certain period of time
12 certain evidence of required security; establishing that a failure to submit
13 certain evidence of required security for a vehicle shall cause the required
14 security for the vehicle to be considered lapsed for certain purposes; providing
15 that a certain penalty applies to a failure to carry or display a certain proof of
16 required security; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
17 requirements for drivers to carry and provide proof of required security.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
19 Article – Transportation
20 Section 17–103(a) and 27–101(b)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

23 BY adding to
24 Article – Transportation
25 Section 17–111
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 17–103.

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

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

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

14 17–111.

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

16 (1) A CURRENT DOCUMENT ISSUED BY AN INSURER AUTHORIZED
17 TO WRITE VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES IN THE STATE THAT LISTS:

18 (I) THE NAME OF THE INSURER;

19 (II) THE POLICY NUMBER;

20 (III) THE NAME OF THE INSURED;

21 (IV) VEHICLES COVERED BY THE POLICY; AND

22 (V) THE PERIOD OF COVERAGE FOR THE INSURANCE; OR

23 (2) A DOCUMENT EVIDENCING A FORM OF SECURITY
24 ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION IN PLACE OF A VEHICLE LIABILITY
25 INSURANCE POLICY UNDER § 17–103(A)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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

27 (1) CARRY IN THE VEHICLE PROOF OF THE REQUIRED SECURITY
28 FOR THE VEHICLE; AND

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

3 **(C) AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A RENTAL VEHICLE MAY SATISFY THE**
4 **REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION BY CARRYING IN THE**
5 **VEHICLE AND MAKING AVAILABLE A VALID RENTAL AGREEMENT IN PLACE OF**
6 **PROOF OF THE REQUIRED SECURITY IF THE VEHICLE IS:**

7 **(1) RENTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 18 OF THIS**
8 **ARTICLE; OR**

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

11 **(D) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL ISSUED A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS**
12 **SECTION OR THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE INVOLVED IN THE VIOLATION SHALL,**
13 **WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITATION, SUBMIT TO THE**
14 **ADMINISTRATION ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE ADMINISTRATION EVIDENCE**
15 **OF:**

16 **(I) THE REQUIRED SECURITY THAT IS CERTIFIED BY AN**
17 **INSURER OR INSURANCE PRODUCER; OR**

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

21 **(2) A FAILURE TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH**
22 **(1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CAUSE THE REQUIRED SECURITY FOR THE**
23 **VEHICLE INVOLVED IN THE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION TO BE CONSIDERED**
24 **LAPSED FOR PURPOSES OF § 17-106 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

25 27-101.

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

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 2010.