

## **Chapter 115**

**(House Bill 1025)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Baltimore City – Sale of Motor Fuel for Dirt Bikes – Prohibition**

FOR the purpose of requiring a retail service station dealer in Baltimore City to post a certain sign in a conspicuous location at a retail service station that states certain prohibitions relating to dispensing motor fuel into a dirt bike; requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with a certain organization, to adopt guidelines for the design of the sign; requiring a court, in making a disposition on a finding that a child has committed a certain violation of this Act, to order the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend the driving privilege of the child for a certain period of time; prohibiting, in Baltimore City, a person who is not an owner or employee of a service station who is subject to certain prohibitions under local law from dispensing motor fuel into a dirt bike from a retail pump at a service station; requiring the court to notify the Administration if a person is convicted of a certain violation of this Act; authorizing the Administration to suspend a person's driver's license for a certain period of time under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to suspend a person's driver's license for a certain period of time under certain circumstances; establishing certain penalties; authorizing the court to order a minor's parent or guardian to pay a certain fine under certain circumstances; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the sale of motor fuel for dirt bikes.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Business Regulation  
Section 10–101(k)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Business Regulation  
Section 10–503  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 3–8A–19(e)(5)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 16–206(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Transportation  
Section 21–1128 and 27–101(dd)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

**Article – Business Regulation**

10–101.

(k) “Retail service station dealer” means a person who operates a retail place of business where motor fuel is sold and delivered into the fuel supply tanks of motor vehicles.

**10–503.**

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “DIRT BIKE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 21–1128 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

**(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

**(C) A RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALER SHALL POST A SIGN IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION AT THE RETAIL SERVICE STATION THAT STATES:**

**(1) THE PROVISIONS OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE THAT PROHIBIT A SERVICE STATION OR ANY OTHER PERSON FROM SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR DISPENSING MOTOR FUEL FOR DELIVERY INTO A DIRT BIKE; AND**

**(2) THE PROVISIONS OF § 21–1128 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE THAT PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM DISPENSING MOTOR FUEL INTO A DIRT BIKE.**

**(D) THE COMPTROLLER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE WASHINGTON, MARYLAND, DELAWARE SERVICE STATION AND AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR ASSOCIATION, SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR THE DESIGN OF A SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

**(E) IF A RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALER DOES NOT POST A SIGN AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, THE RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALER:**

**(1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, SHALL RECEIVE A WARNING; AND**

**(2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$100.**

#### **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

3–8A–19.

**(e) (5) (I) IN MAKING A DISPOSITION ON A FINDING THAT THE CHILD HAS COMMITTED A VIOLATION UNDER § 21–1128 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, THE COURT SHALL ORDER THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION TO INITIATE AN ACTION, UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS, TO SUSPEND THE DRIVING PRIVILEGE OF A CHILD LICENSED TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS NOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS.**

**(II) IF A CHILD SUBJECT TO A SUSPENSION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT POSSESS THE PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE ON THE DATE OF THE DISPOSITION, THE SUSPENSION SHALL COMMENCE:**

**1. IF, ON THE DATE OF THE DISPOSITION, THE CHILD IS AT AN AGE THAT MAKES A CHILD ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN THE PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE, ON THE DATE OF THE DISPOSITION; OR**

**2. IF, ON THE DATE OF THE DISPOSITION, THE CHILD IS YOUNGER THAN AN AGE THAT MAKES A CHILD ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN THE PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE, ON THE DATE THE CHILD IS ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN DRIVING PRIVILEGES.**

#### **Article – Transportation**

16–206.

(c) (1) Pursuant to a court order under § 3–8A–19(e) of the Courts Article, the Administration shall initiate an action to suspend the driving privilege of a child for the time specified by the court.

(2) If a child subject to a suspension under § 3–8A–19(e) of the Courts Article does not hold a license to operate a motor vehicle on the date of the court order, the suspension shall commence:

(i) If the child is at least 16 years of age on the date of the disposition, on the date of the disposition; or

(ii) If the child is younger than 16 years of age on the date of the disposition, on the date the child reaches the child's 16th birthday.

(3) On receipt of a notice described under § 10–119(k) of the Criminal Law Article, the Administration shall suspend the license of an individual described under § 10–119(k) of the Criminal Law Article:

(i) For a first offense, for 6 months; and

(ii) For a second or subsequent offense, until the individual is 21 years old or for a period of 1 year, whichever is longer.

(4) If an individual subject to a suspension under paragraph (3) of this subsection does not hold a license to operate a motor vehicle on the date that the individual is found guilty of a Code violation, the suspension shall begin on the date that the license is issued, or after the individual applies and becomes qualified to receive a license, or on the individual's twenty-first birthday, whichever occurs first.

(5) The Administration may modify a suspension under this subsection or subsection (b) of this section or issue a restricted license if:

(i) The license is required for the purpose of attending an alcohol education or alcoholic prevention or treatment program;

(ii) The child or individual is required to drive a motor vehicle in the course of employment;

(iii) It finds that the individual's or child's employment would be adversely affected because the individual or child has no reasonable alternative means of transportation to or from a place of employment; or

(iv) It finds that the individual's or child's education would be adversely affected because the individual or child has no reasonable alternative means of transportation for educational purposes.

**21-1128.**

**(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

**(2) (I) “DIRT BIKE” MEANS ANY MOTORCYCLE OR SIMILAR VEHICLE THAT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

**(II) “DIRT BIKE” INCLUDES:**

**1. A MOTORIZED MINIBIKE, AS DEFINED IN § 11-134.4 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

**2. AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE WITH EITHER 3 OR 4 WHEELS.**

**(III) “DIRT BIKE” DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

**1. A MOPED, AS DEFINED IN § 11-134.1 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR**

**2. A MOTOR SCOOTER, AS DEFINED IN § 11-134.5 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

**(3) “SERVICE STATION” MEANS A PLACE OF BUSINESS WHERE MOTOR FUEL IS SOLD AND DELIVERED INTO THE FUEL SUPPLY TANKS OF MOTOR VEHICLES.**

**(B) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

**(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN OWNER OR EMPLOYEE OF A SERVICE STATION WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE PROHIBITING THE SELLING, TRANSFERRING, OR DISPENSING OF MOTOR FUEL FOR DELIVERY INTO A DIRT BIKE.**

**(C) A PERSON MAY NOT DISPENSE MOTOR FUEL INTO A DIRT BIKE FROM A RETAIL PUMP AT A SERVICE STATION.**

**(D) (1) IF A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONVICTION.**

**(2) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THE ADMINISTRATION:**

**(I) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION, MAY SUSPEND THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR UP TO 30 DAYS; AND**

**(II) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, SHALL SUSPEND THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR 30 DAYS.**

**(3) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE, A LICENSEE MAY REQUEST A HEARING ON A SUSPENSION UNDER THIS SECTION.**

27-101.

**(DD) (1) ANY PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF § 21-1128 OF THIS ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS OR BOTH.**

**(2) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, IF A MINOR IS THE DEFENDANT OR CHILD RESPONDENT IN A PROCEEDING UNDER § 21-1128 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE COURT MAY ORDER THAT A FINE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION BE PAID BY:**

- 1. THE MINOR;**
- 2. THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR; OR**
- 3. BOTH THE MINOR AND THE MINOR'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN.**

**(II) 1. A COURT MAY NOT ORDER A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A MINOR TO PAY A FINE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH UNLESS THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN HAS BEEN GIVEN A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AND TO PRESENT EVIDENCE.**

**2. A HEARING UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH MAY BE HELD AS PART OF THE SENTENCING OR DISPOSITION HEARING.**

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.**