

HOUSE BILL 204

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By: **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Commercial Motor Vehicles Engaged in Intrastate Commerce**
3 **– Minimum Security Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of extending to certain for-hire vehicles engaged in intrastate
5 commerce that exceed a certain gross vehicle weight rating, the authority of the
6 Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations in conformance with federal
7 standards establishing specific minimum levels of required security for
8 commercial vehicles; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally
9 relating to minimum security requirements for motor carriers.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 13–920(h) and 17–103(b)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 25–111.1
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 13–920.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (h) Subject to § 25–111.1 of this article, a person who registers a tow truck
2 under this section or operates a tow truck in this State that is registered under the
3 laws of another state shall:

4 (1) Obtain commercial liability insurance in the amount of at least
5 \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per occurrence bodily injury liability, and \$100,000 per
6 occurrence property damage liability; and

7 (2) Provide a federal employer identification number and, if applicable
8 to the tow truck under federal requirements:

9 (i) A U.S. Department of Transportation motor carrier number;
10 or

11 (ii) An Interstate Commerce Commission motor carrier
12 authority number.

13 17–103.

14 (b) The security required under this subtitle shall provide for at least:

15 (1) The payment of claims for bodily injury or death arising from an
16 accident of up to \$30,000 for any one person and up to \$60,000 for any two or more
17 persons, in addition to interest and costs;

18 (2) The payment of claims for property of others damaged or destroyed
19 in an accident of up to \$15,000, in addition to interest and costs;

20 (3) Unless waived, the benefits described under § 19–505 of the
21 Insurance Article as to basic required primary coverage;

22 (4) The benefits required under § 19–509 of the Insurance Article as to
23 required additional coverage; and

24 (5) For vehicles subject to the provisions of § 25–111.1 of this article,
25 the security requirements adopted under 49 C.F.R., Part 387.

26 25–111.1.

27 (a) The Administration, in consultation with the State Highway
28 Administration, may adopt rules and regulations that are consistent with 49 C.F.R.,
29 Part 387.

30 (b) The rules and regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section
31 shall apply to the following vehicles:

1 **(1) FOR-HIRE VEHICLES ENGAGED IN INTRASTATE COMMERCE**
2 **THAT EXCEED A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING OF 26,000 POUNDS AND ARE**
3 **DESIGNED TO CARRY PROPERTY;**

4 **[(1)] (2)** For-hire vehicles engaged in interstate commerce that:

5 (i) Exceed a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds and
6 are designed to carry property; or

7 (ii) Are designed to transport passengers, including the driver;
8 and

9 **[(2)] (3)** Vehicles that are required to be marked or placarded for the
10 transportation of hazardous materials or otherwise are subject to the requirements of
11 49 C.F.R., Part 387 when transporting hazardous materials.

12 (c) Any motor carrier operating a vehicle that is subject to the rules and
13 regulations adopted under this section shall, at all times when operating the vehicle
14 on a highway in the State, comply with the rules and regulations adopted under this
15 section.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 January 1, 2012.