

HOUSE BILL 1335

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By: **Delegate Stein**

Introduced and read first time: February 16, 2012

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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 in the
5 vehicle a certain proof of required security and to display the proof of required
6 security on demand of a police officer; providing that certain requirements
7 regarding proof of required security for a rental vehicle may be satisfied by
8 carrying and making available a valid rental agreement under certain
9 circumstances; requiring a police officer who detains a driver for a suspected
10 violation of the Code to demand that the driver display proof of the required
11 security; establishing a certain penalty; defining a certain term; and generally
12 relating to requirements for drivers to carry and provide proof of required
13 security.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 17–103(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Transportation
21 Section 17–111
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Transportation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 17-103.

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

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

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

11 17-111.

12 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROOF OF THE REQUIRED SECURITY" MEANS:

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

15 (I) THE NAME OF THE INSURER;

16 (II) THE POLICY NUMBER;

17 (III) THE NAME OF THE INSURED;

18 (IV) VEHICLES COVERED BY THE POLICY; AND

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

20 (2) A DOCUMENT EVIDENCING A FORM OF SECURITY
21 ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION IN PLACE OF A VEHICLE LIABILITY
22 INSURANCE POLICY UNDER § 17-103(A)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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

24 (1) CARRY IN THE VEHICLE PROOF OF THE REQUIRED SECURITY
25 FOR THE VEHICLE; AND

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

1 **(C) A POLICE OFFICER WHO DETAINS A DRIVER FOR A SUSPECTED**
2 **VIOLATION OF THE CODE SHALL DEMAND THAT THE DRIVER DISPLAY THE**
3 **PROOF OF THE REQUIRED SECURITY.**

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

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

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

12 **(E) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A**
13 **MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$30.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2012.