

SENATE BILL 919

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CF HB 1089

By: **Senators Garagiola, Astle, Kelley, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Mathias, and Pugh**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Rental Vehicle Companies – Right of Indemnification**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that a rental vehicle company or its designee has a
4 certain right of indemnification against certain persons, including a person who
5 rents a motor vehicle, for certain property damage, personal injury, and
6 wrongful death claims paid by the rental vehicle company or the designee that
7 arose out of the use or operation of the motor vehicle; and generally relating to
8 rental vehicle companies and rights of indemnification.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 18–108(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 18–108(f)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 18–108.

23 (a) In this section, “rental vehicle company” means a person that rents a
24 motor vehicle to a consumer.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(F) A RENTAL VEHICLE COMPANY OR ITS DESIGNEE HAS A RIGHT OF**
2 **INDEMNIFICATION AGAINST A RENTER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND THE**
3 **RENTER’S INSURER AND AGAINST THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE, IF NOT**
4 **THE RENTER, AND THE DRIVER’S INSURER, FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL**
5 **INJURY, AND WRONGFUL DEATH CLAIMS PAID BY THE RENTAL VEHICLE**
6 **COMPANY OR THE DESIGNEE THAT AROSE OUT OF THE USE OR OPERATION OF**
7 **THE MOTOR VEHICLE BY THE RENTER OR DRIVER.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2013.