

Chapter 3

(Senate Bill 6)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Preventive Maintenance Program – Preventive Maintenance Technician

FOR the purpose of requiring certain required inspections, maintenance, and repairs of certain commercial motor vehicles to be performed by certain preventive maintenance technicians; defining “preventive maintenance technician” as a person who is able to provide evidence of a demonstrated understanding of certain preventive maintenance inspection criteria through certain experiences; and generally relating to the preventive maintenance program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 23–301 and 23–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

23–301.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Equipment” includes all mechanisms that form part of or relate to vehicle equipment.
- (c) “Hazardous materials inspector” means a person who is assigned by the Department of the Environment and certified by the Department of State Police to perform an inspection authorized under this subtitle.
- (d) **“PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN” MEANS A PERSON WHO CAN PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF A DEMONSTRATED UNDERSTANDING OF THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE INSPECTION CRITERIA PROVIDED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE THROUGH:**

(1) A MINIMUM OF 1 YEAR EXPERIENCE IN PERFORMING WORK TO BRING COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM; OR

(2) PARTICIPATION IN, AND SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF, A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE TRAINING PROGRAM THAT IS:

(I) SPONSORED BY A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER; OR

(II) DESIGNED TO TRAIN STUDENTS IN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

(E) “Public Service Commission inspector” means a person who is assigned by the Public Service Commission and certified by the Department of State Police to perform an inspection authorized under this subtitle.

[(e)] (F) “State Police officer” means:

(1) Any uniformed law enforcement officer of the Department of State Police; or

(2) Any civilian employee of the Department of State Police assigned to enforce any rule or regulation adopted under this subtitle, but only while acting under written authorization of the Secretary of State Police.

[(f)] (G) “Vehicle” means any vehicle registered in this State as:

(1) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a registered, operating, or rated gross vehicle weight of over 10,000 pounds;

(2) A Class F (tractor) vehicle;

(3) A Class G (trailer or semitrailer) vehicle with a registered, operating, or rated gross vehicle weight over 10,000 pounds;

(4) A Class P (passenger bus) vehicle; or

(5) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle that:

(i) Is used primarily to transport passengers; and

(ii) 1. Is designed to transport 16 passengers or more, including the driver; or

2. Was previously registered under § 13–932 or § 13–933 of this article.

23–302.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an owner of a vehicle shall have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired **BY A PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN** at least every 25,000 miles or at least every 12 months, whichever occurs first.

(2) An owner of a vehicle registered under § 13–919 of this article that has been in operation for at least 18 years from the vehicle's model year or first registration date, whichever is later, shall have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired **BY A PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN** at least every 12,500 miles or at least every 6 months, whichever occurs first.

(b) A vehicle shall meet or exceed the standards and requirements set under the regulations adopted under this subtitle.

(c) A vehicle may not be operated unless at all times it is appropriately registered and the owner is in compliance with this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2014.