SENATE BILL 149

By: Senator Kagan
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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Rental Vehicle Agreements – Disclosures – Spare Tires

FOR the purpose of requiring a motor vehicle rental company to disclose in the rental agreement whether a rental vehicle is equipped with a spare tire; requiring a motor vehicle rental company to require a renter to initial the disclosure before renting a rental vehicle; and generally relating to rental vehicle agreements and spare tires.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 17–104.3(a)(1), (3), and (4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 18–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

17–104.3.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(3) “Motor vehicle rental company” means a person that is in the business of providing motor vehicles to the public under a rental agreement for a period not
exceeding 180 days.

(4) “Rental agreement” means a written agreement containing the terms and conditions that govern the use of a rental vehicle provided by a motor vehicle rental company under the provisions of this article.

18–110.

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

(2) “Motor vehicle rental company” has the meaning stated in § 17–104.3 of this article.

(3) “Rental agreement” has the meaning stated in § 17–104.3 of this article.

(4) “Rental vehicle” means a motor vehicle registered under § 13–912 or § 13–937 of this article.

(B) A motor vehicle rental company shall:

(1) Disclose in the rental agreement whether a rental vehicle is equipped with a spare tire; and

(2) Require a renter to initial the disclosure before renting a rental vehicle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.