

SENATE BILL 177

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By: **Senator Kagan**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Rental Vehicles – Spare Tires and Tire Repair Tools**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a motor vehicle rental company to provide with each rental
4 vehicle a spare tire and tire repair tools if these items were included with the initial
5 sale of the rental vehicle or are generally included in new vehicles of the year, make,
6 model, and style of the rental vehicle; requiring a motor vehicle rental company to
7 disclose in the rental agreement that the rental vehicle is not equipped with a spare
8 tire or tire repair tools under certain circumstances; requiring a motor vehicle rental
9 company to require a renter to initial the disclosure before renting the rental vehicle;
10 and generally relating to the provision of spare tires and tire repair tools for rental
11 vehicles.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 17–104.3(a)(1), (3), and (4)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Transportation
19 Section 18–110
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Transportation**

25 17–104.3.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

8 **18-110.**

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

11 (2) **"MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY" HAS THE MEANING STATED**
12 **IN § 17-104.3 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

13 (3) **"RENTAL AGREEMENT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 17-104.3**
14 **OF THIS ARTICLE.**

15 (4) **"TIRE REPAIR TOOLS" INCLUDES:**

16 (I) **A VEHICLE JACK;**

17 (II) **A TIRE IRON;**

18 (III) **A PORTABLE TIRE INFLATOR; AND**

19 (IV) **WHEEL WEDGES.**

20 (B) **THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A RENTAL VEHICLE REGISTERED**
21 **UNDER § 13-912 OR § 13-937 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

22 (C) **A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY SHALL:**

23 (1) **PROVIDE WITH EACH RENTAL VEHICLE A SPARE TIRE AND TIRE**
24 **REPAIR TOOLS, IF THESE ITEMS WERE INCLUDED WITH THE INITIAL SALE OF THE**
25 **RENTAL VEHICLE OR ARE GENERALLY INCLUDED IN NEW VEHICLES OF THE YEAR,**
26 **MAKE, MODEL, AND STYLE OF THE RENTAL VEHICLE; OR**

27 (2) **IF A SPARE TIRE OR TIRE REPAIR TOOLS ARE NOT PROVIDED:**

28 (I) **DISCLOSE IN THE RENTAL AGREEMENT THAT THE RENTAL**

1 VEHICLE IS NOT EQUIPPED WITH A SPARE TIRE OR TIRE REPAIR TOOLS; AND

2 (II) REQUIRE A RENTER TO INITIAL THE DISCLOSURE BEFORE
3 RENTING THE RENTAL VEHICLE.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2023.