

upon written application therefor to said Department. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to apply to any dam or obstruction which is ten feet or less in height above the elevation of the stream bed or waterway, nor shall it apply to any reservoir with a storage capacity of less than one million gallons, nor shall it apply to any reservoir to be designed, constructed and operated as a waste stabilization lagoon under permit of the State Department of Health, nor shall it apply to any structure for the impounding of water, *less than four feet in depth*, over tidal and non-tidal swamp lands for the propagation of muskrats and other wildlife species.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved April 30, 1963.

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CHAPTER 612

(House Bill 435)

AN ACT to add new Section 300A to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways," to follow immediately after Section 300 thereof, to require ~~all~~ CERTAIN trailers or semi-trailers operated on the highways to be equipped with a metal frame protector attached to the underside of the rear of the trailer or semi-trailer body, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AND ATTACHMENT OF THE FRAME and providing penalties for violations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 300A be and it is hereby added to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways," to follow immediately after Section 300 thereof, and to read as follows:

300A.

(a) *Every trailer or semi-trailer of a gross weight of 3000 pounds or more when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with a permanent metal frame attached to the underside of the rear of the trailer. The frame shall not be any wider than the width of the trailer, and shall be not more than ~~twenty four (24)~~ THIRTY (30) inches above the highway when moving and shall be constructed of heavy gauge steel. The interior of the frame shall be constructed of heavy steel mesh or other steel design of sufficient density to prevent any passenger motor vehicles from being driven under the trailer.* THE MAXIMUM TRANSVERSE DISTANCE FROM THE WIDEST PART OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE AT THE REAR TO THE FRAME SHALL NOT EXCEED EIGHTEEN (18) INCHES. *The frame shall be constructed so as not to interfere with lights or other warning devices.* ANY TRAILER OR SEMI-TRAILER SO CONSTRUCTED AND MAINTAINED THAT THE BODY, CHASSIS OR OTHER PARTS THEREOF AFFORD THE PROTECTION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE IN