

and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the Constitution of any state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state participating herein, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining party states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

*Part VI—Implementation and Administration of
Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact*

§ 12-601. *Legislative Findings.*

The legislature finds that:

(1) The public safety necessitates the continuous development, modernization and implementation of standards and requirements of law relating to vehicle equipment, in accordance with expert knowledge and opinion.

(2) The public safety further requires that such standards and requirements be uniform from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, except to the extent that specific and compelling evidence supports variation.

(3) The Department of Motor Vehicles, acting upon recommendations of the Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission and, pursuant to the Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact provides a just, equitable and orderly means of promoting the public safety in the manner and within the scope contemplated by this part.

§ 12-602. *Provisions of vehicle law remain in effect until superseded pursuant to Section 12-603.*

The provisions of this article prescribing motor vehicle requirements, especially but not solely, the provisions of subtitle 12 hereof, as amended from time to time, shall continue to be of force and effect only until superseded by a rule, regulation or code adopted pursuant to the Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact as provided in Section 12-603 of this subtitle. Any such rule, regulation or code shall specify the provision or provisions of existing statute being superseded in accordance with and as required by this subtitle. Any such provision or provisions are hereby repealed, effective on the date when the rule, regulation or code superseding such provision or provisions becomes effective pursuant to the Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact and as provided in Section 12-603 of this subtitle.

§ 12-603. *Approval of regulations of Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission.*

A rule, regulation or code recommended by the Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission shall take effect in this State upon approval thereof by the General Assembly. Such approval shall be deemed to have been given if the commissioner shall have adopted such rule, regulation or code in the manner provided by Article V (f) and (g) of the Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact and the General Assembly