

CHAPTER 139  
(House Bill 214)

AN ACT to add new Section 7-103 to Article 66 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 7. Required Security," to follow immediately after Section 7-102 thereof, making it unlawful to knowingly operate or permit the operation of a motor vehicle not covered by required security [and to provide penalties]].

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 7-103 be and it is hereby added to Article 66 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 7. Required Security," to follow immediately after Section 7-102 thereof and to read as follows:

7-103.

(A) ANY PERSON WHO OPERATES A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT THE VEHICLE IS NOT COVERED BY THE SECURITY REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, OR WHO KNOWINGLY PERMITS ANOTHER PERSON TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE OWNED INDIVIDUALLY, JOINTLY, OR SEVERALLY BY HIM WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT THE VEHICLE IS NOT COVERED BY THE SECURITY REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR II, AND UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE FINED NOT LESS THAN \$25 NOR MORE THAN \$1000.}}

II(B) A PERSON CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPEAR PERSONALLY IN COURT FOR TRIAL AND MAY NOT FORFEIT COLLATERAL IN LIEU OF TRIAL. IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT, AT THE TIME OF TRIAL, THE DEFENDANT OWNS INDIVIDUALLY, JOINTLY, OR SEVERALLY, OR REGULARLY DRIVES A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR WHICH SECURITY IS REQUIRED AND THAT THE VEHICLE IS NOT COVERED BY THE REQUIRED SECURITY, THE COURT, WITHOUT REGARD TO ITS VERDICT AS TO THE OFFENSE CHARGED, SHALL SUSPEND AND PHYSICALLY CONFISCATE THE OPERATOR'S OR CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE OF THE DEFENDANT UNTIL HE DEMONSTRATES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATOR THAT ANY VEHICLE WHICH HE OWNS OR REGULARLY DRIVES IS COVERED BY THE REQUIRED SECURITY.

(C) ANY LICENSE SUSPENDED AND CONFISCATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE SENT TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATOR, WHO SHALL RETAIN CUSTODY OF IT UNTIL IT EXPIRES OR IS RETURNED TO THE LICENSEE UPON A SHOWING THAT THE REQUIRED SECURITY IS IN EFFECT.}}

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved April 26, 1973.

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