

**CHAPTER 14**

**(Senate Bill 34)**

AN ACT concerning

**Motor Vehicle Administration – Administrative Appeals and Hearings**

FOR the purpose of repealing the authority of the Motor Vehicle Administration to delegate to the Office of Administrative Hearings the power to render proposed findings of fact and proposed conclusions of law in certain hearings under the Maryland Vehicle Law; expanding the authority of the Administration to delegate to the Office of Administrative Hearings the power to render final decisions in hearings under the Maryland Vehicle Law; and generally relating to the delegation of certain powers to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 12-104

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article – Transportation**

12-104.

(a) In addition to the specific powers granted and duties imposed by this title, the Administration has the powers and duties set forth in this section.

(b) The Administration may adopt rules and regulations to carry out:

(1) Those provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law that relate to or are administered and enforced by the Administration; and

(2) The provisions of any other law that the Administration is authorized to administer and enforce.

(c) (1) The Administration shall maintain as many offices in this State as the Administrator considers necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the Administration.

(2) Each office shall be open on the days and during the hours that the Secretary determines are needed to serve the public.

(d) (1) With the approval of the Secretary, the Administration shall employ the deputies, subordinate officers, clerks, investigators, and other employees necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the Administration.