

State from becoming a dumping ground for dilapidated and unsafe vehicles.

2. Authorizes the State to enter into a compact with other states to encourage manufacturers to install new safety devices on automobiles and trucks.

3. Rescues the unsatisfied claim and judgment fund from bankruptcy and thus safeguards responsible drivers from losses they may incur from the negligent acts of irresponsible drivers.

4. Requires all dealers and salesmen of cars, old and new, to register with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and post adequate bonds. . . .

I am gratified indeed to see present at this Conference such a broad segment of the business and industrial life of our State. Largely through the initiative and the enterprise of industry, much progress has been made during the past few years in providing a greater measure of safety for working men and women on their jobs. The prevention of accidents which kill or maim our citizens is one of the greatest challenges we face today. Your State recognizes its responsibility in this area and will continue in its efforts to afford a greater protection against hazards to all of its citizens.

I earnestly solicit the advice and the assistance of individuals and groups such as have assembled here this year for this Conference. Let us all work toward making Maryland a healthier and a safer State. I can think of no better way to discharge our responsibilities as good citizens and perform a valuable service to the people of Maryland. Once, again, let me thank all of you for the time and the effort you have spent at this Conference.

STATEMENT ON SIGNING HOUSE BILL 71

ANNAPOLIS

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This bill we are now signing requires 16 and 17 year old youths to have at least 30 hours of driving instruction before they may obtain a license to operate a motor vehicle. Many experts in the field list driver education as among the most effective of corrective measures in the curtailment of highway accidents. Their thesis is that once a person learns to handle a motor vehicle well, and at the same time learns its destructive potentialities, the chances of his becoming involved in serious accidents are greatly reduced.