FOR the purpose of requiring a any motor vehicle liability insurance policy issued, sold, or delivered in this State to provide coverage for damage to, or loss of, certain rental motor vehicles whenever collision coverage is provided in the policy; requiring an insurer to provide notice of coverage required under this Act and of the insured's right to decline such coverage under certain circumstances; prohibiting the sale of collision damage waivers; prohibiting individuals and business entities that are in the business of providing rental motor vehicles from holding an individual or entity who obtains a rental vehicle from the lessor liable for damages to the vehicle, except in certain circumstances; repealing provisions regarding the use and disclosure of collision damage waivers; prohibiting a lessor from bringing an action against an authorized driver in certain locations; prohibiting a lessor from accepting, requiring, or requesting security or a deposit for damages from an authorized driver; limiting the amount a lessor may recover from a lessee for damage to a rental motor vehicle under certain circumstances; requiring a lessor to inform a driver of all charges a driver must pay to obtain a rental motor vehicle; requiring a rental agreement to contain a notice of a driver's rights and liabilities under this Act as a condition to recovering damages from a lessor under this Act; limiting certain charges a lessor may include under a rental agreement; specifying that a rental agreement inconsistent with this Act is void as against public policy; providing a certain penalty for a violation of the provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; requiring lessors of rental passenger vehicles to notify lessees of such vehicles of certain benefits of their insurance if they are residents of Maryland and their private passenger automobile insurance contains collision coverage; and generally relating to rental motor vehicles, insurance, and collision damage waivers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code

Section 541

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Commercial Law

Section 14-2101

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article Commercial Law

Section 14 2102 through 14 2107

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

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