

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Article 14 of the Code of Public General Laws of 1904, title "Bills of Lading, Storage and Elevator Receipts," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, under the title "Bills of Lading," so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. Bills of Lading issued by any common carrier shall be governed by this Act.

SEC. 2. Every bill must embody within its written or printed terms:

- A. The date of its issue.
- B. The name of the person from whom the goods have been received.
- C. The place where the goods have been received.
- D. The place to which the goods are to be transported.
- E. A statement whether the goods received will be delivered to a specified person, or to the order of a specified person.
- F. A description of the goods or of the packages containing them, which may, however, be in such general terms as are referred to in Section 23; and
- G. The signature of the carrier.

A negotiable bill shall have the words "order of" printed thereon immediately before the name of the person upon whose order the goods received are deliverable.

A carrier shall be liable to any person injured thereby for the damage caused by the omission from a negotiable bill of any of the provisions required in this section.

SEC. 3. A carrier may insert in a bill issued by him any other terms and conditions; provided, that such terms and conditions shall not:

- A. Be contrary to law or public policy; or
- B. In any wise impair his obligation to exercise at least that degree of care in the transportation and safe-keeping of the goods entrusted to him which a reasonably careful man would exercise in regard to similar goods of his own.

SEC. 4. A bill in which it is stated that the goods are consigned or destined to a specified person, is a non-negotiable or straight bill.

SEC. 5. A bill in which it is stated that the goods are consigned or destined to the order of any person named in such bill is a negotiable or order bill.

Any provision in such a bill that it is non-negotiable shall not affect its negotiability within the meaning of this Act.