

CHAPTER 832.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 140-B of Article 56 of the Code of 1904 of the Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Licenses," sub-title "Motor Vehicles."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 140-B of Article 56 of the Code of 1904 of the Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Licenses," sub-title "Motor Vehicles," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

140-B. No person shall operate a motor vehicle or motorcycle over any public highway of this State recklessly, or at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the width, traffic and use of the highway, or so as to endanger the property or life or limb of any person, or without due regard to wear upon said highways, so as not unnecessarily or unreasonably to damage the same. The maximum rate of speed for motor vehicles used only for the transportation of merchandise, which motor vehicles, including the weight of the truck and the load thereon, weigh in excess of four tons, and not in excess of eight tons, shall be fifteen miles an hour. The maximum rate of speed for motor vehicles used only for the transportation of merchandise, which motor vehicles, including the weight of the truck and the load thereon, weigh in excess of eight tons, shall be twelve miles an hour. The maximum rate of speed of all traction engines or other iron tired engines, shall be six miles an hour. No motor vehicle in excess of ninety inches in width, except traction engines, shall be operated on any highway of this State, and no traction engine in excess of one hundred inches in width shall be operated on any such highway, nor shall any motor vehicle be so operated in which the limit of load per inch in width of tire shall exceed eight hundred pounds, without the special permission of the State Roads Commission in the case of a road under its jurisdiction, or the permission of the city authorities in the case of a city street, or the permission of the County authorities in the case of a County highway, and no motor vehicles, of which the weight of the truck and the load combined, exceeds fourteen tons, shall be operated on any highway in this State. No speed contest or contests shall be, under any circumstances, allowed or take place upon any highway of this State. If the rate of speed of a motor vehicle or motorcycle, operated upon any public highway of this State exceeds twelve miles per hour in