

## CHAPTER 448.

(House Bill 620)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 561A of Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Allegany County", sub-title "Roads", as said section was enacted by Chapter 350 of the Acts of 1939, relating to the type of school buses which may be operated in Allegany County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 561A of Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Allegany County", sub-title "Roads", as said section was enacted by Chapter 350 of the Acts of 1939, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

561A. No person, firm, corporation or association owning and operating within Allegany County any school bus for the transportation of Allegany County school children, shall permit the number of passengers in any such bus to exceed its seating capacity by more than twenty-five per cent (25%) in a bus with a center aisle, or by more than ten per cent (10%) in a bus without a center aisle; provided, however, that the limitation as to the number of passengers shall not apply within a mile radius of the school to or from which such school children are carried. In determining the seating capacity of a school bus, thirteen (13) inches shall be the allowable average rump width for each passenger. On and after June 1st, 1941, no new school bus shall be placed in operation in Allegany County unless the entire body shall be of steel construction and, when any school bus at present in operation ceases to be used, no bus shall be placed in operation in its place unless its entire body be of steel construction.

On and after June 1st, 1941, no school bus shall be operated in Allegany County unless it be equipped with an outside mirror or mirrors so that the driver of a loaded bus can have a clear vision to the side and rear of the bus. There shall be painted on the inside of the bus body, directly over the windshield, to the right of the driver, the maximum seating capacity of the bus, the letters and figures to be of such size as to enable them to be easily read by the passengers.

Any person, firm, corporation or association violating any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense.