

CHAPTER 35

(House Bill 45)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 212 of Article 66-1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1959 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles upon Highways", correcting two errors in the Motor Vehicle laws relating to minimum speed regulations.

WHEREAS, in Chapter 335 of the Acts of 1959, which amended Section 212 of Article 66-1/2 of the Code, there were two inadvertent errors, and

WHEREAS, one of these was in a cross-reference to another section in Article 66-1/2, while the second involved the use of the term "subsection" instead of "section", and these two errors should be changed in order that the law may be properly worded; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 212 of Article 66-1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1959 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles upon Highways", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

212. Minimum speed regulation.

(a) Slow speed impeding traffic prohibited.—No person shall wilfully drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary.

(b) Establishment of minimum speed limits by Commission; antique motor vehicles excepted.—Whenever the State Roads Commission determines on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that slow speeds on a highway or any part thereof consistently impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, the Commission may determine and declare a minimum speed limit below which no person shall drive a vehicle except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with the law, except nothing herein shall apply to antique motor vehicles as said term is defined in Section [8] 82 of this article.

(c) Penalty for violation.—Violation of this [subsection] section shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of \$1.00 to \$100.00.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1960.

Approved March 2, 1960.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
 Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.