

Section 405 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact", to authorize the entry of the State into the Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact, to relate generally to development and adoption of uniform standards for new or improved motor vehicle safety equipment, to provide for the State's representation on the Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission and for the manner of adoption of the recommendations of the Commission in this State, and to provide for appropriations and staff for the Commission by the states which are parties to the Compact.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Sections 406 through 428, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", to follow immediately after Section 405 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact", and to read as follows:*

*Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact*

406.

*The Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact is hereby enacted into law and entered into with all other jurisdictions legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:*

*Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact*

407.

ARTICLE I

*Findings and Purposes*

(a) *The party states find that:*

(1) *Accidents and deaths on their streets and highways present a very serious human and economic problem with a major deleterious effect on the public welfare.*

(2) *There is a vital need for the development of greater inter-jurisdictional cooperation to achieve the necessary uniformity in the laws, rules, regulations and codes relating to vehicle equipment, and to accomplish this by such means as will minimize the time between the development of demonstrably and scientifically sound safety features and their incorporation into vehicles.*

(b) *The purposes of this compact are to:*

(1) *Promote uniformity in regulation of and standards for equipment.*

(2) *Secure uniformity of law and administrative practice in vehicular regulation and related safety standards to permit incorporation of desirable equipment changes in vehicles in the interest of greater traffic safety.*

(3) *To provide means for the encouragement and utilization of research which will facilitate the achievement of the foregoing purposes, with due regard for the findings set forth in subdivision (a) of this Article.*