

CHAPTER 759

(Senate Bill 340)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 303 to 307, inclusive, of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", and to add new Sections 406 to ~~411~~, 413, inclusive, to said Article of the Code (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), to follow immediately after Section 405 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "~~Inspection~~ of "SAFETY STANDARDS FOR Motor Vehicles", revising the motor vehicle inspection laws of the State, fixing standards for the equipment AND MECHANISMS of all motor vehicles operated in the State, providing generally for the inspection of THE EQUIPMENT AND MECHANISMS OF all used motor vehicles registered and titled in the State, providing for inspection AND CORRECTION of any vehicles with defective equipment, AND MECHANISMS and relating generally to the ~~inspection~~ EQUIPMENT AND MECHANISMS of motor vehicles in the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 303 to 307, inclusive, of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", be and they are hereby repealed and new Sections 406 to ~~411~~, 413, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to said Article of the Code (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), to follow immediately after Section 405 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "~~Inspection~~ of "SAFETY STANDARDS FOR Motor Vehicles", and all to read as follows:*

~~406.~~

Every motor vehicle operated on the highways of the State shall be equipped with brakes, steering, wheel alignment, horn, door handles, tires, lights, glass and windshield wipers meeting the standards therefor as fixed and determined by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to promulgate such standards by means of rules or regulations.

~~407.~~

On and after January 1, 1966, before the Department of Motor Vehicles registers and titles any used motor vehicle, it shall require the applicant to present a certificate of inspection for the vehicle issued as provided in this sub-title.

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(a) The inspection of vehicles and the issuance of certificates of inspection required under this sub-title is performed by the Maryland State Police under the procedures and in the manner determined by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(b) Inspections are made and certificates of inspection are issued at any State Police post or barrack in the State. The Department of Motor Vehicles may determine the number of additional facilities required under this sub-title and to lease or rent facilities for this purpose at such locations as he may determine to be necessary.