

## CHAPTER 435

(House Bill 351)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, ~~Section 313~~ SECTIONS 313 AND 314 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Cumulative Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operations of Vehicles upon Highways," increasing the maximum height of vehicles on ~~certain~~ highways of the State of Maryland to 13 feet 6 inches., AND RELATING TO CERTAIN DAMAGES RESULTING FROM A COLLISION BETWEEN A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A BRIDGE WITH A CLEARANCE LESS THAN 13'6", AND PERMITTING THE TRANSPORTATION ON THE HIGHWAYS OF SOME ARTICLES NOT CAPABLE OF DISMEMBERMENT WHICH DO NOT EXCEED A SPECIFIED LENGTH.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That ~~Section 313~~ SECTIONS 313 AND 314 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Cumulative Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operations of Vehicles upon Highways," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

313.

**Height of Vehicles**

No vehicle including any load thereon shall exceed a height of 12 feet 6 inches except that motor transport carriers of automobiles including any load thereon and motor vehicles carrying plate and other flat glass may be 13 feet 6 inches. Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the operation upon any street, road or highway in this State of a motor vehicle loaded with hay or straw in bound bales and having an over-all height when loaded not in excess of 13 feet 6 inches[.], *provided further, however, that vehicles on the highways of the interstate and primary system and such roads in the secondary system as designated by the State Roads Commission the maximum height permitted thereon shall be 13 feet 6 inches.*

313.

NO VEHICLE INCLUDING ANY LOAD THEREON SHALL EXCEED A HEIGHT OF 13 FEET 6 INCHES PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE USERS OF HIGHWAYS ON WHICH BRIDGES WITH A CLEARANCE OF LESS THAN 13' 6" ARE LOCATED SHALL SAVE HARMLESS THE OWNERS OF SUCH BRIDGES FROM ANY CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTED AGAINST SUCH OWNERS FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY COLLIDING WITH SUCH BRIDGES PROVIDED SUCH DAMAGE IS THE PROXIMATE RESULT OF THE HEIGHT OF SUCH BRIDGE OR BRIDGES.

314.

NO VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES INCLUDING THE LOAD THEREON SHALL EXCEED 55 FEET IN LENGTH