

## CHAPTER 532

(House Bill 1222)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 13(b) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Administration—Registration—Titling," and to enact new Section 13(a-1) of the same Article, title, and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 13(a) thereof, to provide that the Department of Motor Vehicles may accept either a certification or acknowledgment under oath of a statement or fact upon forms issued by the Department and to provide penalties for violations of the new section and increase penalties for the section.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 13(b) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Administration—Registration—Titling," and to enact new Section 13(a-1) of the same Article, title, and subtitle, is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:

**13.**

(a-1) *Whenever any person is required to submit any statement, fact, or information to the Department under oath, verification, affirmation, affidavit, or any similar form, the Department, in lieu of requiring its submission in that form, may require the person submitting it to sign a certification under penalty of perjury LAW. The certification may be substantially in the following form: "I certify, under penalty of perjury LAW, that the statements made herein are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief."*

(b) No person, in or around any building or premises used or occupied by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the transaction of business lawfully provided for in this Article, shall assist, offer to assist, or solicit, for a fee charged directly or indirectly, any person to obtain a permit to operate a motor vehicle, a certificate of title, motor vehicle registration, other requisite licenses, or for the filing of statements, or engage in or around said building or premises directly or indirectly in such business or occupation for gain, nor shall any person in or around such building or premises, in any manner interfere with any person or persons transacting business for or with the Department.

Violation of [sub-section] *sub-sections (a-1) and (b)* of this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not [less than One (\$1.00) Dollar nor more than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars] *more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or by imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 2, 1969.