

CHAPTER 530

(Senate Bill 357)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Subsections (a) (1) (vi) ~~and (b) (2) (ii)~~ of Section 61 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1967 Replacement Volume, 1969 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Administration—Registration—Titling"; and to add new Subsections 61 (a) (5) and 61 (d) (4) (xiv) to said Section 61, TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER 61 (A) (4) AND 61 (D) (4) (XIII) RESPECTIVELY, to add new Sections 50, 296B and 312A, to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Motor Vehicles Upon Highways," TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTIONS 49, 296A AND 312 RESPECTIVELY, TO REQUIRE MANUFACTURERS TO FILE A SURETY BOND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE THE MANUFACTURER WILL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE WITH THE DEALER FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY, to provide for an increase in the motor vehicle dealer's and salesman's bond; to require that licenses issued to automobile dealers be issued to individuals rather than partnerships or corporations; establishing failure to adhere to the conditions of a warranty or guarantee by a motor vehicle MANUFACTURER OR dealer as a prohibited act; making it unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or to operate or equip a vehicle with regrooved or recut tires and providing criminal penalties therefor; and making it unlawful to tamper with or alter the odometer of a motor vehicle and providing criminal penalties therefor; and relating generally to motor vehicles in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Subsections (a) (1) (vi) ~~and (b) (2) (ii)~~ of Section 61 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1967 Replacement Volume, 1969 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Administration—Registration—Titling," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that new Subsections 61 (a) (5) and 61 (d) (4) (xiv) be added to Section 61 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1967 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Administration—Registration—Titling," TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUBSECTIONS 61 (A) (4) AND 61 (D) (4) (XIII) RESPECTIVELY and that new Sections 50, 296B and 312A, be added to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Motor Vehicles Upon Highways," TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTIONS 49, 296A, AND 312 RESPECTIVELY, all to read as follows:

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EVERY MANUFACTURER TRANSFERRING A NEW CLASS A MOTOR VEHICLE TO A DEALER PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 49 OF THIS ARTICLE OR A USED CLASS A MOTOR VEHICLE SUBJECT TO A MANUFACTURER'S EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY SHALL FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTABLE EVIDENCE OF A