

CHAPTER 670

(Senate Bill 326)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 119(2), (4)(a), 122(a), and 137(a) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility"; and to repeal Sections 118, 138, 139, and 140 of the said Article and subtitle of the Code to delete certain provisions requiring the filing of proof of insurance for certain operators of motor vehicles.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 119(2), (4)(a), 122(a), and 137(a) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that Sections 118, 138, 139, and 140 of the said Article and subtitle of the Code be and they are hereby repealed, and all to read as follows:

¶118. Owners and operators of motor vehicles after certain convictions.

(a) *Suspension of motor vehicle registrations when owner's driving permit revoked.*—Whenever the Department is required under any law of this State to revoke the operator's or chauffeur's license of any person upon receiving record of the conviction of such person for any offense under the motor vehicle laws of this, or any other state, the Department shall suspend any and all of the registration certificates or cards and registration plates issued for any motor vehicle registered in the name of the person so convicted as owner except that it shall not suspend such evidences of registration in the event such owner has previously given or shall immediately give and thereafter maintain, for a period of three (3) years, proof of financial responsibility in the manner specified by this article with respect to each and every motor vehicle owned and registered by such person.

(b) *Proof of financial responsibility prerequisite to renewal of license or registration.*—The suspensions or revocations hereinbefore required shall remain in effect and the Department shall not issue to any such person any new license or any renewal of license or register or reregister in the name of such person any motor vehicle until permitted under the motor vehicle laws of this State and not then unless and until said person gives and thereafter maintains for a period of three (3) years, proof of his financial responsibility, as defined by Section 122 of this article.

(c) *Effect of conviction in another state.*—The Department shall take action as required in this section upon receiving evidence of any such conviction of any person in another state.

(d) *Conviction includes forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited for appearance.*—For the purpose of administration of the provisions of this section the term conviction shall include a forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure a defendant's appearance in court, which forfeiture has not been vacated, upon a charge which upon conviction of the defendant requires the Department to revoke the license of such person.]