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(A) IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SAFETY STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES, NOT ONLY TO AFFORD ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FOR PASSENGERS THEREIN, BUT ALSO TO ELIMINATE DAMAGE TO AN AUTOMOBILE AT A SPECIFIED SPEED BY MORE ADEQUATE BUMPER PROTECTION FOR THE CHASSIS OF THE VEHICLE.

~~(a)~~ (B) *For the purposes of this act, SECTION, the term "private passenger automobile" shall mean a four-wheeled motor vehicle designed principally for carrying passengers not for hire, for use on public roads and highways, and not designed for use principally as a dwelling or for camping.*

~~(b)~~ (C) *Every private passenger automobile manufactured on and after January 1, 1974, sold and licensed, OR TITLED AND REGISTERED in the State of Maryland, shall be sold subject to the manufacturer's warranty that it is equipped with an appropriate energy absorption system and that, without compromising existing standards of passenger safety, it can be driven, both front and rear, directly into a standard Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE J-850) test barrier at a speed of five (5) miles per hour without sustaining any damage to the automobile.*

~~(c)~~ (D) *Every private passenger automobile manufactured on and after January 1, 1976, sold and licensed in the State of Maryland, shall be sold subject to the manufacturer's warranty that it is equipped with an appropriate energy absorption system and that, without compromising existing standards of passenger safety, it can be driven, both front and rear, directly into a standard Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE J-850) test barrier at a speed of ten (10) miles per hour without sustaining any damage to the automobile.*

~~(d)~~ ~~(E)~~ (D) *The warranty provisions of this act, SECTION, shall not be applicable with respect to any private passenger automobile as to which the manufacturer files a written certification under oath with the Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety, on a form to be prescribed by that Department, that the particular make and model described therein complies with the applicable standards of this act. SECTION.*

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT IF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ESTABLISH A UNIFORM FEDERAL STANDARD THAT IS MORE STRINGENT THAN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT FOR AN APPROPRIATE ENERGY ABSORPTION SYSTEM, THEN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE SUPERSEDED TO THE EXTENT THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S STANDARD IS MORE STRINGENT.

SEC. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID FOR ANY REASON, THE INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE OTHER PROVISIONS OR ANY OTHER APPLICATION OF