

## CHAPTER 416

(House Bill 1052)

AN ACT to repeal Section 3-402.2 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles," and to enact new Section 3-402.2, in lieu thereof, to stand in place of the section repealed, to provide that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall have the authority to enter into agreements or arrangements with other jurisdictions for the purpose of establishing motor vehicle reciprocity, to provide for the conditions under which agreements, arrangements and declarations shall be made, to provide for the filing of such instruments, to require that such instruments must be approved by the Governor, and generally relating to the administration of motor vehicle reciprocity as a contribution to the economic and social development of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 3-402.2 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles," be and is hereby repealed, and that new Section 3-402.2 be and the same is hereby enacted, in lieu thereof, to stand in place of the section so repealed, and to read as follows:

**§3-402.2. Reciprocal agreements as to nonresidents.**

(a) The Governor of this State may confer and advise with the proper officers and legislative bodies of other states and enter into reciprocal agreements under which the registration of vehicles owned by the residents of this State will be recognized by the other state; and he is further authorized and empowered from time to time to grant to residents of other states the privilege of using the highways of this State as in this article provided in return for similar privileges granted residents of this State by the other states.

(b) The Governor may enter into reciprocal agreements under the authority of subsection (a) whereby vehicles which are owned by residents, firms, or corporations of another state, and registered in the other state, but operated by residents of Maryland and in the usual custody of the residents of Maryland, for an unlimited period may be held and operated in such custody without being registered in Maryland. Reciprocal agreements shall be limited to situations in which the owner of the vehicle, and the person, firm, or corporation in the name of which the vehicle is registered, is an employer of the resident of Maryland having the usual operation and custody of the vehicle. The reciprocal agreement shall provide that before the vehicle shall be extended the privileges of the agreement, the resident of Maryland having the usual operation and custody of the vehicle shall file with the Department a statement showing the license number of the vehicle, the name and address of the owner's place of business, and the name and address of the resident of Maryland.

(c) Nothing in this section limits the provisions of Section 3-402.1.】