as provided by this article, and such certification has been accepted by the [Department] Administration, and the [Department] Administration shall suspend the registration of any such vehicle whenever the [Department] Administration ascertains that such owner has failed, or is unable, to maintain such proof of financial responsibility.

(b) Certification required under this section shall cover **[**every person using or operating a vehicle under a rental agreement and shall also cover the person owning such motor vehicle **]** the person owning such vehicle and every person using or operating the vehicle with the permission of the owner or lessee, notwithstanding any provision of the rental agreement to the contrary.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved April 26, 1972.

## CHAPTER 82

(Senate Bill 132)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 12-102 of Article 66-½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 12 Equipment of Vehicles," subheading "Part I. Scope and Effect of Equipment Provisions," to provide that the Motor Vehicle Administrator shall maintain and distribute lists of motor vehicle devices, components, and/or assemblies approved by him and published by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators; to fix a price for said lists; and to correct certain erroneous language and references therein.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 12-102 of Article 66-½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 12 Equipment of Vehicles," subheading "Part I. Scope and Effect of Equipment Provisions," be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## 12-102.

- (a) The [Commissioner] Administrator shall approve or disapprove any lighting device or other motor vehicle safety equipment components, and/or assemblies, of a type on which approval is specifically required in this subtitle, within a reasonable time after approval has been requested. The approvals may be based upon certificates of approval furnished to the [Commissioner] Administrator by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.
- (b) The [Commissioner] Administrator may set up the procedure to be followed when requests for approval of any lighting device or other motor vehicle safety equipment component, and/or assembly is submitted. The procedures may provide for submission of