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CHAPTER 780

(House Bill 468)

AN ACT to add new Section 12-104.1 to Article 66-1/2 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 follow immediately after Section 12-104 thereof to ~~[[forbid certain persons from altering certain motor vehicles so as to reduce the effectiveness of another vehicle's safety bumpers in the event of certain collisions with the altered vehicle.]]~~ forbid a person from altering certain motor vehicles so as to reduce the effectiveness of the bumpers of the altered vehicle in collisions, and to authorize the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Maryland State Police jointly the power to promulgate Rules and Regulations relating to bumpers as used in section 12-104.1.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 12-104.1 be and it is hereby added to Article 66-1/2 of the Annotated Code (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Subtitle 12. Equipment of Vehicles," subheading "Part I. Scope and Effect of Equipment Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 12-104 thereof, to read as follows:

12-104.1

[[NO PERSON SHALL WILFULLY OR INTENTIONALLY ALTER ANY]] NO CLASS A PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE OR ANY CLASS E ONE-HALF OR THREE-QUARTER TON TRUCK WHICH HAS BEEN WILFULLY OR INTENTIONALLY ALTERED IN ANY MANNER THAT WOULD REDUCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF [[ANOTHER VEHICLE'S SAFETY]] ITS BUMPERS IN THE EVENT OF A COLLISION WITH [[THE ALTERED]] ANOTHER VEHICLE, [[IF IT IS INTENDED THAT THE ALTERED VEHICLE BE OPERATED UPON THE HIGHWAYS OF THIS STATE.]] SHALL BE OPERATED UPON THE HIGHWAYS OF THIS STATE. THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION AND THE AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND STATE POLICE JOINTLY SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO BUMPERS AS USED IN THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

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