

accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 419.

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

**House Bill No. 419**

AN ACT concerning

**Transportation - Vehicle Laws - Maximum Vehicle Width and Length**

FOR the purpose of providing for the calculation of the width of a motor home or travel trailer; authorizing the State Highway Administration and local authorities to restrict the width of vehicles traveling on certain highways in their jurisdiction under certain circumstances; requiring the State Highway Administration and local authorities to post certain signs if the width of vehicles is limited; increasing the maximum length of a ~~publicly-owned rigid~~ bus or Class M motor home when operated on certain highways or routes; increasing the maximum length of a certain maxi-cube vehicle; and generally relating to vehicle laws and maximum vehicle widths and lengths.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Transportation  
Section 24-102 and 24-104.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Transportation**

24-102.

(a) (1) ~~For~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR purposes of this section, the width of a vehicle includes any load that it carries and shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices, such as side mirrors, turn signal lamps, marker lamps, steps and handholds for entry and egress, flexible fender extensions, mudflaps and spray suppressant devices, and load-induced tire bulges; providing the equipment or device, other than mirrors, does not extend more than 3 inches on each side of the vehicle beyond the statutory width limitation.

(2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE WIDTH OF A MOTOR HOME OR TRAVEL TRAILER SHALL BE EXCLUSIVE OF RETRACTABLE AWNINGS INSTALLED BY THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER OR DEALER, PROVIDED THAT THE AWNINGS DO NOT EXTEND MORE THAN 6 INCHES FROM EACH SIDE OF THE VEHICLE.

(b) This section does not apply to any: