

[(1)] (M) (1) A court may award reasonable attorney's fees to a prevailing plaintiff under this section.

(2) If it appears to the satisfaction of the court that an action is brought in bad faith or is of a frivolous nature, the court may order the offending party to pay to the other party reasonable attorney's fees.

[(m)] (N) This subtitle does not apply to a fleet purchase of five or more motor vehicles.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect upon or application to any new motor vehicle purchased or delivered prior to the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July 1, 1985~~ January 1, 1986.

Approved May 21, 1985.

CHAPTER 128

(Senate Bill 45)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Motor Carrier Road Tax

FOR the purpose of excluding certain vehicles or combinations of vehicles of a certain weight from the definition of "commercial motor vehicle" that determines the vehicles that are subject to the road tax for motor carriers; altering the definitions of nonfreight trailers and semitrailers and of freight trailers and semitrailers; altering certain registration fees applicable to certain trailers and semitrailers; generally relating to trailers and semitrailers; generally relating to the definition of "commercial motor vehicle" under the provision of law relating to the road tax on motor vehicles; and providing that this Act is an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation
Section 13-927(b), (c), and (d) and 13-930(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)