

CHAPTER 541

(Senate Bill 2)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Covered Loads

~~FOR the purpose of requiring the beds of vehicles carrying loose loads to be fully enclosed on top; prescribing the type of cover to be secured to the top of the bed of a vehicle carrying a load of loose material; authorizing the dropping of certain loose materials from load-carrying vehicles for a certain purpose; exempting a certain class of vehicles from certain enclosure requirements; clarifying language; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to a requirement that beds of vehicles carrying loose loads be enclosed on top.~~

FOR the purpose of requiring, after a certain date, that the beds of vehicles carrying loose materials be fully enclosed on top; requiring vehicles manufactured after a certain date to be fully enclosed on top while carrying a load of loose material; prescribing the type of cover and how the cover is to be secured to the top of the bed of a vehicle carrying a load of loose material; altering a provision of law to authorize the dropping of certain loose materials for certain purposes; exempting certain vehicles from the enclosure requirements under this Act; prohibiting loads of loose material carried on certain vehicles from extending above a certain point unless the loads are covered in a certain manner; authorizing the Department of Transportation to grant extensions of a certain exemption from the cover requirement for construction vehicles under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring police officers to issue a safety equipment repair order for defective covers under certain circumstances; requiring the Insurance Division of the Department of Licensing and Regulation, in conjunction with the Motor Vehicle Administration, to conduct certain studies and report to the General Assembly on or before specified dates; providing for the construction of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to a requirement that beds of certain vehicles carrying loose loads be enclosed on top.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation  
Section 23-105(a), 24-106(a) , and 24-106.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)