

(3) If the Administration assesses a vehicle owner or co-owner with a penalty under this subsection, the Administration may not take any of the following actions until the penalty is paid:

- (i) Reinstate a registration suspended under this subsection;
- (ii) Issue a new registration for any vehicle that is owned or co-owned by that person and is titled after the violation date; or
- (iii) Renew a registration for a vehicle that is owned or co-owned by that person and is titled after the violation date.

(4) (i) In this paragraph, "family member" means any individual whose relationship to the vehicle owner is one of those listed under § 13-810(b)(1) of this article as being exempt from paying the excise tax imposed on the transfer of a vehicle.

(ii) The monetary penalties provided in this subsection may not be avoided by transferring title to the vehicle.

(iii) Regardless of whether money or other valuable consideration is involved in the transfer, if title to a vehicle is transferred by an individual who has violated this subtitle to a family member, any suspension of the vehicle's registration that occurred before the transfer shall continue as if no transfer had occurred and a new registration may not be issued until the penalty fee is paid.

(5) ~~THE AMOUNT OF PENALTY~~ AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE MONETARY PENALTIES PAID TO THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE USED BY THE ADMINISTRATION ONLY FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS SUBTITLE.

17-108.

(a) (1) (I) The Administration shall annually select for verification on a random sample basis not less than 10 percent of vehicle registrations subject to the security required by this subtitle.

(II) IN SELECTING THE RANDOM SAMPLE, THE ADMINISTRATION ~~SHALL~~ MAY FOCUS ON THE AREAS OF THE STATE THAT HAVE THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF UNINSURED VEHICLES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

17-109.

(a) (1) A person shall submit evidence at a conference or hearing that any vehicle registered in the person's name, individually or jointly, has been continuously covered, since the effective date of the vehicle's most recent registration, by the security required by this subtitle, if the person attends a conference or hearing: