

requirements for inspection, maintenance, and repair of certain dump service vehicles; establishing a Dump Truck Technical Task Force and providing for the duties, membership, procedures, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the Department of Transportation by a certain date; making certain provisions of this Act contingent on the enactment of certain federal authorizing legislation; authorizing the Department to propose and adopt certain regulations according to a certain schedule; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act if Congress fails to enact certain legislation or the Department fails to adopt certain regulations within a certain time; providing for the construction of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; permitting certain types of vehicles to travel a certain distance until a certain date; making stylistic changes; clarifying language; and generally relating to the operation and registration of dump service vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 13-919 and 23-302

Annotated Code of Maryland

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#### Preamble

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland and interested and affected parties have been working together to produce a workable method to reduce damage to the State's highway and bridge system that results from dump service vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Designing four-axle vehicle configurations that provide for a maximum gross vehicle weight of 70,000 pounds and specify axle spacing and maximum axle weights will help to achieve a reduction in highway damage while improving motor vehicle safety and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland and the interested and affected parties including truck manufacturers, truck body manufacturers, and representative segments of industry will work cooperatively to develop alternative vehicle design configurations; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland and the interested and affected parties agree that any measures implemented under this Act to reduce highway damage shall be sensitive to their overall economic impact and to their potential adverse impact on business competition; and

WHEREAS, In Section 1023 of the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, the Congress of the United States established specific requirements applicable to specialized hauling vehicles operating on Interstate 68 in Garrett and Allegany Counties in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Any corrective measures provided by this Act will have no force and effect unless appropriate federal legislation is enacted to authorize the measures; and