

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 13-507(a) and 17-106(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Since 1985 the rate of automobile theft in Maryland has risen faster than the national average; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that in 1992 in Maryland over 27,000 vehicles were stolen representing approximately a \$200,000,000 loss in property value; and

WHEREAS, In Maryland, juveniles are involved in a greater percentage of vehicle thefts than the national average; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Commission on Vehicle Theft and Related Crimes has recommended enactment of the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has found that in Michigan, which enacted a similar program in 1985, the state's vehicle theft rate and insurance premiums were significantly lowered; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the 1993 Budget Reconciliation Act, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services developed a program to combat vehicle theft and recommended that the State create a Vehicle Theft Prevention Council to assist in the prevention and deterrence of vehicle theft and related crimes in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, It is intended that ~~money raised by this Act~~ the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund be used to enhance and complement existing resources so that progress can be made in lowering the incidence of vehicle theft and damage to vehicles that is incidental to vehicle theft or vandalism in Maryland; now, therefore,

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

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

4-102.

(a) The following departments, agencies, boards, commissions, offices, divisions, and units of the State government are included within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services: the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, the Division of Correction established pursuant to § 4-105 of this article, the Patuxent Institution, the Board of Review for Patuxent Institution, the State Fire Prevention Commission, the office of State Fire Marshal, the Police Training Commission, the Maryland Parole Commission, the Division of Parole and Probation established pursuant to § 4-105 of this article, the Sundry Claims Board, the Maryland State Police established pursuant to § 4-105 of this article, the Advisory Board for Correction, Parole and Probation established pursuant to § 4-107 of this article, the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, THE