

## CHAPTER 308

## (House Bill 981)

AN ACT concerning

**Motor Carrier Safety Provisions – Hours of Service – Exemptions**

FOR the purpose of ~~altering certain exceptions regarding the length of time certain motor carrier drivers may drive~~; limiting a certain exception as to when certain drivers are not required to maintain a certain record of hours of duty status; requiring a driver to record certain information on the number of hours the driver is on duty under certain circumstances; altering the provisions of a certain waiver during a utility or transportation emergency; and generally relating to motor carrier safety regulations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 25-111(i) and (j)(2)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

**Article – Transportation**

25-111.

(i) (1) Except as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, regulations adopted under this section for intrastate motor carrier transportation may not:

(i) Require that a driver be older than 18 years of age;

(ii) Apply the provisions of § 391.21, § 391.23, § 391.31 or § 391.35 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to:

1. A driver who is a regularly employed driver of a motor carrier for a continuous period that began before July 1, 1986, if the driver continues to be a regularly employed driver of the motor carrier; or

2. The motor carrier, with regard to a driver described under item 1 of this subparagraph, if the motor carrier continues to employ the driver;

~~{(iii) Limit a driver's time or hours on duty or require a driver to maintain a record of duty status if:}~~

1. THE DRIVER OPERATES ONLY WITHIN A 150 AIR MILE RADIUS OF THE DRIVER'S NORMAL WORK REPORTING LOCATION;

2. THE DRIVER RETURNS TO THE DRIVER'S NORMAL WORK REPORTING LOCATION;