

(4) Will not impair highway safety.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved April 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 16

(Senate Bill 43)

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Vehicles - Safety Inspections

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain safety inspections of commercial motor vehicles to include the inspection of certain records and files; authorizing certain personnel to conduct safety inspections; deleting obsolete language and clarifying language relating to the Preventive Maintenance Program and motor carrier safety inspections; and generally relating to the Preventive Maintenance Program and motor carrier safety inspections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 23-302 and 25-111

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

23-302.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an owner of a vehicle shall have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired at least every 25,000 miles or at least every 12 months, whichever occurs first.

(2) An owner of a vehicle registered under § 13-919 of this article that has been in operation for at least 18 years from the vehicle's model year or first registration date, whichever is later, shall have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired at least every 12,500 miles or at least every 6 months, whichever occurs first.

(b) A vehicle shall meet or exceed the standards and requirements set under the regulations adopted under this subtitle.

(c) A vehicle may not be operated unless at all times it [carries the appropriate required document, as follows: