

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 10–601 through 10–607, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Motor Vehicle Rental Companies”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Chapter 746 of the Acts of 1998

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 4 7 MONTHS AND, at the end of [May 31,] ~~SEPTEMBER 30~~ DECEMBER 31, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

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

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SUBTITLE 6. MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANIES.

10–601.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY” MEANS ANY PERSON THAT IS IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING ~~PRIMARY PRIVATE PASSENGER~~ MOTOR VEHICLES TO THE PUBLIC UNDER A RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 180 DAYS OR LESS.

(C) “RENTAL AGREEMENT” MEANS ANY WRITTEN AGREEMENT CONTAINING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT GOVERN THE USE OF A VEHICLE PROVIDED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 18 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

(D) “RENTER” MEANS ANY PERSON OBTAINING THE USE OF A VEHICLE FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY UNDER THE TERMS OF A RENTAL AGREEMENT.

(E) “VEHICLE” MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE:

(1) OF THE PRIVATE PASSENGER TYPE, INCLUDING PASSENGER VANS, MINI VANS, AND SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES; OR

(2) OF THE CARGO TYPE, INCLUDING CARGO VANS, PICKUP TRUCKS, AND TRUCKS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE OPERATOR TO POSSESS A COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE.