

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 7 MONTHS and, at the end of [May 31, 1999] 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:

Article - Insurance

~~1-200.~~

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(2) "MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY" MEANS A PERSON THAT IS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING PRIMARILY PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES TO THE PUBLIC UNDER A RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 90 DAYS.~~

~~(3) "RENTAL AGREEMENT" MEANS A WRITTEN AGREEMENT THAT CONTAINS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF A RENTAL VEHICLE PROVIDED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY FOR RENTAL OR LEASE.~~

~~(4) "RENTER" MEANS A PERSON THAT RENTS A VEHICLE FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY UNDER THE TERMS OF A RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 90 DAYS.~~

~~(5) "VEHICLE" OR "RENTAL VEHICLE" MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE:~~

~~(I) OF THE PRIVATE PASSENGER TYPE, INCLUDING A PASSENGER VAN, MINIVAN, OR SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE; OR~~

~~(II) OF THE CARGO TYPE, INCLUDING A CARGO VAN, PICKUP TRUCK, OR TRUCK WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF LESS THAN 26,000 POUNDS AND WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE THE OPERATOR TO POSSESS A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE.~~

~~(B) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY, OR THE EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS OF A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY, THAT OFFERS INSURANCE COVERAGE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~(C) IN ORDER TO OFFER INSURANCE COVERAGE AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY:~~

~~(1) SHALL OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION TO ACT AS A BROKER, HAVE AT LEAST ONE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE WHO HAS A CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION TO ACT AS A BROKER, OR RETAIN THE SERVICES OF A PERSON THAT HAS A CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION TO ACT AS A BROKER;~~