

WHEREAS, The American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners recommend breast-feeding for as long as possible during a child's first year of life; and

WHEREAS, Health experts have stated that increased breast-feeding rates could save infant lives; and

WHEREAS, Government and private experts are working to raise the rate of breast-feeding of infants; and

WHEREAS, No mother should be made to feel incriminated or socially ostracized for breast-feeding her child; and

WHEREAS, The State is interested in the promotion of family values and to that end encourages public acceptance of this basic act of nurture between a mother and her child; and

WHEREAS, There is a social and economic benefit for the State in the creation of an atmosphere in which a mother can feel safe and confident about breast-feeding her child; now, therefore,

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

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 8. BREAST-FEEDING.

20-801.

(A) A MOTHER MAY BREAST-FEED HER CHILD IN ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE LOCATION IN WHICH THE MOTHER AND CHILD ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT RESTRICT OR LIMIT THE RIGHT OF A MOTHER TO BREAST-FEED HER CHILD.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved May 22, 2003.

CHAPTER 370

(Senate Bill 282)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Suspension of Driver's License - Theft of Motor Fuel

FOR the purpose of authorizing for a first offense, and requiring for a second or subsequent offense, the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend, for a certain period of time, the driver's license of a person who is convicted of a theft offense