

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 404

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Trailers and Semitrailers - Surge Brakes

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain trailer or a certain semitrailer to be equipped with surge brakes if the trailer or semitrailer is operated only intrastate, meets certain gross vehicle weight rating standards, is not used to transport certain goods or certain persons, is designed in a certain manner, and complies with certain State and federal regulations under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to adopt certain regulations to be effective by a certain date; defining a certain term; providing for the effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to the use of surge brakes on certain trailers and semitrailers under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - Transportation
Section 11-158 and 11-169
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Transportation
Section 22-301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

11-158.

(a) "Semitrailer" means, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a vehicle that:

- (1) Has no motive power;
- (2) Is designed to carry people or property and to be towed by a motor vehicle; and
- (3) Is constructed so that some of its weight and load rests on or is carried by another vehicle.

(b) "Semitrailer" does not include a pole trailer.