

CHAPTER 581

(House Bill 681)

AN ACT concerning

**Rental Vehicles – Computation of Rental Rate – Exceptions**

FOR the purpose of providing that the requirement that the daily rental fee be based on a 24-hour period in the case of consumer rentals does not apply to rentals of replacement vehicles under certain circumstances; prohibiting a rental company from charging for the use of a rental vehicle after the vehicle has been returned; requiring rental companies to provide a certain notice to consumers; and generally relating to computation of daily rental rates for rental vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 18-107

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

**Article – Transportation**

18-107.

(a) A person who rents a motor vehicle to a consumer shall:

(1) Compute the daily rental rate based on a 24-hour period, starting at the time the rental begins;

(2) Make a notation on the rental agreement of the time the rental begins;  
and

(3) Inform the consumer that:

(i) The daily rental fee is based on a 24-hour period; and

(ii) The time the rental begins is noted on the rental agreement.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IF:

(1) A PERSON RENTS A MOTOR VEHICLE TO A CONSUMER; AND

(2) THE RENTAL VEHICLE IS:

(1) A TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT SUBSTITUTE FOR A VEHICLE THAT IS:

(i) OWNED BY THE CONSUMER; AND