CHAPTER 721

(House Bill 1017)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles - Parking Violations - Rental and Leasing Companies <u>Vehicles</u>

FOR the purpose of establishing that a renter or lessee of a motor vehicle is presumed to be the person receiving a parking citation under certain circumstances; creating an exception, for certain motor vehicles owned by a motor vehicle rental or leasing company, to a prohibition against the Motor Vehicle Administration registering or transferring the registration of a motor vehicle because of certain types of parking violations under certain circumstances providing that an alleged violation of a certain criminal provision relating to the abandonment or failure to return certain motor vehicles shall be considered a reportable theft for certain reporting purposes; limiting the liability of an owner of a rental vehicle for penalties relating to parking citations under specified circumstances; requiring reimbursement of an owner of a rental vehicle of the amount paid due to a parking citation under specified circumstances; defining a certain term; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Motor Vehicle Administration take certain action in relation to the implementation of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to motor vehicles, parking violations involving rental vehicles, and the reporting of certain alleged criminal violations pertaining to the failure to return motor vehicles owned by rental and leasing companies.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

<u>Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments</u>

Section 206

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 14-105 and 26-301

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with without amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 26-302 and 26-305

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)