FOR the purpose of authorizing the county commissioners of Charles County to regulate the towing of vehicles in certain parking lots in Charles County; and generally relating to the regulation of towing of vehicles in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article Transportation

Section 21 10A 01

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Article Transportation

Section 21 10A 02 through 21 10A 06

**Annotated Code of Maryland** 

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

## BY adding to

Article - Transportation

Section 21-1009

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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## 21 10A 01.

- (a) In this subtitle, "parking lot" means a privately owned facility consisting of 3 or more spaces for motor vohicle parking that is:
  - (1) Accessible to the general public; and
- (2) Intended by the owner of the facility to be used primarily by the owner's customers, clientele, residents, lessees, or guests.
- (b) (1) This subtitle applies only to the towing or removal of vehicles from parking lots in Baltimore City, [or] Baltimore County, OR CHARLES COUNTY.
- (2) Nothing in this subtitle prevents a local authority from exercising any power to adopt ordinances or regulations relating to the registration or licensing of persons engaged in the parking, towing or removal, or impounding of vehicles.
- (e) This subtitle does not apply to an abandoned vehicle as defined in § 25-201 of this article.