

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Towing and Towed Vehicles – Procedures and Equipment

FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for the procedures that must be followed and the equipment that must be used when one vehicle tows another vehicle in certain circumstances; clarifying certain requirements; providing certain exceptions; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing a certain penalty; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to procedures and equipment for towing and towed vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 24–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 27–101(bb)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

24–107.

[(a) While one vehicle is towing another, the towbar or other connection used:

(1) Shall be strong enough to pull the weight towed; and

(2) Except for the connection between any two vehicles carrying poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural nature that cannot be readily dismembered, may not exceed 15 feet from one vehicle to the other.

(b) (1) Every full trailer shall be equipped with a towbar and means of attaching the towbar to the towing and towed units.

(2) The towbar and means of attaching the towbar to the units shall:

(i) Be structurally adequate for the weight drawn;