

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;

(ii) Be mounted properly and securely, without excessive slack, but with enough play to allow for universal action of the connection; and

(iii) Have a suitable locking device to prevent accidental separation of the towed and towing vehicles.

(c) The mounting of the trailer hitch (pintle–eye or equivalent mechanism) of the towing vehicle shall include sufficient reinforcement or bracing of the frame to provide sufficient strength and rigidity to prevent undue distortion of the frame.