

Chapter 697

(House Bill 11)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Causing Diesel Emissions to Discharge Onto Another – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from causing a diesel–powered motor vehicle to emit certain clearly visible emissions onto another person or motor vehicle; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a prohibition on the discharge of excess diesel–powered motor vehicle emissions.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 21–1130

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

21–1130.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY OR INTENTIONALLY CAUSE A DIESEL–POWERED MOTOR VEHICLE TO DISCHARGE CLEARLY VISIBLE SMOKE, SOOT, OR OTHER EXHAUST EMISSIONS ONTO ANOTHER PERSON OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON OPERATING:

(1) A DIESEL–POWERED VEHICLE THAT DISCHARGES VISIBLE EXHAUST AS THE RESULT OF NORMAL ACCELERATION OR TOWING;

(2) A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE WITH A GROSS WEIGHT OF 10,000 POUNDS OR MORE; OR

(3) A CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE OPERATING AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 25, 2017.