

Chapter 174

(House Bill 331)

AN ACT concerning

Farm Area Motor Vehicles – Registration and Authorized Use

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law applicable to the registration and authorized use of farm area motor vehicles, including a provision increasing the radius from a farm within which a person may operate on a highway a motor vehicle registered as a farm area motor vehicle; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the registration and authorized use of farm area motor vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Transportation
 Section 13–935(a)(1) and (2) and (f)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Chapter 146 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014
 Section 2

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

Article – Transportation

13–935.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Farm area motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle owned by a farmer and operated only on a farm or on a highway within a 25–mile radius of the farm.

(f) In applying for registration of a farm area motor vehicle under this section, the owner of the vehicle shall submit with the application, from the most recent federal tax filing of the owner, a copy of:

(1) Internal Revenue Service form 1040, schedule F; or

(2) Any other federal tax form showing active farming status, as determined by the Administration.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years from the date it is enacted and, at the end of the 5-year period, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.