

Chapter 448

(House Bill 975)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Maryland Transportation Authority – Highways

FOR the purpose of altering and redesignating the definition of “vehicular crossing” for purposes of certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law to include certain highways under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority, thereby applying certain provisions of law to certain highways under the jurisdiction of the Authority and providing that certain powers and authority granted to the Authority are applicable to certain highways under the jurisdiction of the Authority; making conforming changes; and generally relating to highways under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 7–302(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 11–127, ~~21–1402~~, and ~~21–1403~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–1401, ~~21–1407~~, ~~21–1411~~, and ~~21–1413~~ through 21–1411, 21–1413,
and 21–1414(b)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7–302.

(b) If a parking or impounding fine, penalty, or forfeiture, or a fine, penalty, or forfeiture relating to violation of housing, building, fire, health, or sanitation codes, or a Mass Transit Fare Payment Statute, or a fine or penalty relating to failure to pay the prescribed toll at [a highway or vehicular crossing] AN AUTHORITY HIGHWAY, AS DEFINED IN § 21-1401 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, is collected by the District Court pursuant to a local ordinance, law, or regulation of a political subdivision or municipality, or pursuant to a regulation of an agency of State government authorized to regulate parking of motor vehicles, or pursuant to a statute pertaining to the payment of mass transit fares, or pursuant to a statute pertaining to the failure to pay tolls, it shall be remitted to the respective local government, or to the State agency.

Article – Transportation

11-127.

“Highway” means:

(1) The entire width between the boundary lines of any way or thoroughfare of which any part is used by the public for vehicular travel, whether or not the way or thoroughfare has been dedicated to the public and accepted by any proper authority; and

(2) For purposes of the application of State laws, the entire width between the boundary lines of any way or thoroughfare used for purposes of vehicular travel on any property owned, leased, or controlled by the United States government and located in the State.

21-1401.

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

(b) “Approach” means any roadway, overhead structure, ramp, bridge, causeway, entrance, and exit provided as a means of access to or departure from a ~~vehicular crossing~~ AN AUTHORITY HIGHWAY.

(c) **“AUTHORITY HIGHWAY” MEANS:**

(1) EACH HIGHWAY, TUNNEL, AND BRIDGE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; AND

(2) EACH APPROACH TO THESE HIGHWAYS, TUNNELS, AND BRIDGES.

(D) “Bridge” means any bridge within the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

~~(d)~~ **(E)** “Tunnel” means:

- (1) The Baltimore Harbor Tunnel; and
- (2) Any other tunnel within the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

~~(e)~~ ~~“Vehicular crossing” means:~~

- ~~(1) Each [tunnel] **HIGHWAY, TUNNEL,** and bridge within the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority; and~~
- ~~(2) Each approach to these [tunnels] **HIGHWAYS, TUNNELS,** and bridges.~~

21-1402.

Unless specifically modified or changed by this subtitle, each provision of the Maryland Vehicle Law applicable to motor vehicles on highways applies on all ~~vehicular crossings~~ **AUTHORITY HIGHWAYS**.

21-1403.

To promote safety for users of ~~vehicular crossings~~ **AUTHORITY HIGHWAYS**, the Maryland Transportation Authority may adopt rules and regulations governing traffic using the ~~vehicular crossings~~ **AUTHORITY HIGHWAYS**.

21-1404.

(a) Traffic using any [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** shall obey any lawful sign.

(b) Traffic using any [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** shall obey any lawful order of any authorized employee of the [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY**.

(c) Traffic using any [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** shall obey any lawful signal of any authorized employee of the [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY**.

(d) Traffic using any [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** shall obey any lawful direction by voice, sign, or hand of any authorized employee of the [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY**.

21-1405.

(a) Unless authorized by the Chairman of the Maryland Transportation Authority, pedestrians may not use any [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY**.

(b) Unless authorized by the Chairman of the Maryland Transportation Authority, bicycles may not use any [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY**.

21-1406.

A person may not hitchhike on any [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** and a motorist may not pick up or discharge any person on any [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY**.

21-1407.

(a) The driver of a vehicle may not stop, stand, or park the vehicle on any ~~vehicular crossing~~ **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** [or highway under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority], except:

- (1) If necessary to avoid injury or damage to any person or property;
- (2) In compliance with the lawful direction of an authorized employee of the ~~vehicular crossing~~ **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY**;
- (3) At a designated area for the transaction of business at an Administration building; or
- (4) If the vehicle is disabled or involved in an accident, in which case the vehicle shall be moved, if possible:
 - (i) To the shoulder of the roadway;
 - (ii) Adjacent to the emergency walkway on a bridge; or
 - (iii) As otherwise directed by a patrol officer.

(b) Notwithstanding § 25-201(b) of this article, the Maryland Transportation Authority may adopt regulations governing the removal of vehicles left unattended for 12 or more hours on any ~~vehicular crossing~~ **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** [or highway under its jurisdiction].

21-1408.

(a) Except at the lawful direction of an authorized employee of the [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY**, a vehicular turn may not be made in any area where turns are prohibited by signs.

(b) Except at the lawful direction of an authorized employee of the [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY**, a vehicular turn may not be made at crossovers provided for emergency vehicles.

21-1409.

If a [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** has a posted minimum speed, that minimum speed shall be maintained.

21-1410.

A vehicle may not be driven on any [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** if the vehicle or its load exceeds the maximum weight, width, or height permitted by the regulations of the Maryland Transportation Authority for that [vehicular crossing] **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY**.

21-1411.

(a) Except as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Maryland Transportation Authority and to the extent permitted by federal law, a person may not transport or knowingly cause to be transported any of the following hazardous materials across or through any ~~vehicular crossing~~ **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** [or highway within the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority]:

- (1) Combustible liquids;
- (2) Compressed gases;
- (3) Corrosive liquids;
- (4) Explosives;
- (5) Flammable liquids;
- (6) Flammable solids;
- (7) Oxidizing materials;
- (8) Poisonous articles; or

(9) Radioactive materials.

(b) The provisions of § 22–409 of this article shall apply to the transportation of any permitted hazardous material across or through any ~~vehicular crossing~~ **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** [or highway within the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority].

(c) To secure and preserve life and property, the Maryland Transportation Authority may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

21–1413.

(a) A person may not fail or refuse to pay the prescribed toll at any [highway or] ~~vehicular crossing~~ **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** for which the payment of a toll is fixed.

(b) A person may not attempt to evade the payment of the toll at any [highway or] ~~vehicular crossing~~ **AUTHORITY HIGHWAY** for which the payment of a toll is fixed.

21–1414.

(b) (1) If the operator of a motor vehicle fails to pay the prescribed toll at any [highway or vehicular crossing] AUTHORITY HIGHWAY where tolls are collected by means of electronic toll collection, the registered owner of the motor vehicle shall be liable to the Maryland Transportation Authority for payment of the toll and a civil penalty as provided for in the regulations of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.