SENATE BILL 12

R57lr0414 SB 53/16 – JPR (PRE-FILED) By: Senator Ramirez Requested: July 12, 2016 Introduced and read first time: January 11, 2017 Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT concerning Vehicle Laws - Obstruction Hanging From Rearview Mirror - Enforcement FOR the purpose of providing for enforcement only as a secondary offense for a violation of the prohibition under certain circumstances against a person driving a vehicle on a highway with any object, material, or obstruction hanging from the rearview mirror under certain circumstances. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Transportation Section 21–1104 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 21-1104.(a) A person may not drive a vehicle if it is so loaded or there is in the front seat so many passengers as to: (1) Obstruct the view of the driver to the front or sides of the vehicle; or (2)Interfere with the control of the driver over the driving mechanism of the vehicle. (b) A passenger in a vehicle may not ride in any position where he:

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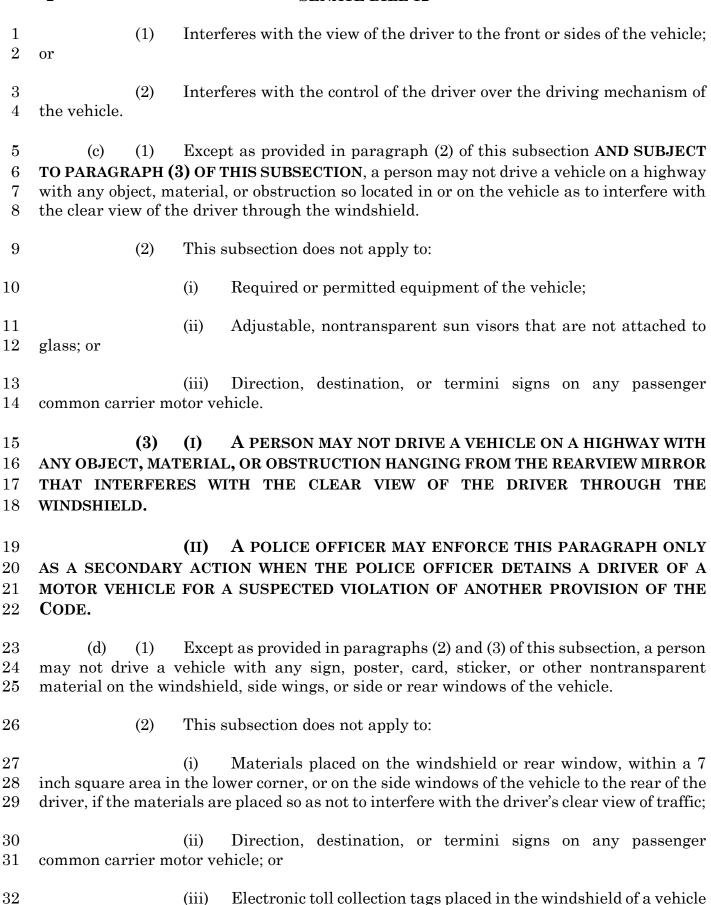
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in accordance with the regulations of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

- 1 (3) The Administration shall adopt regulations to exempt from the 2 provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection materials placed on the windshield of a vehicle 3 in compliance with security measures required by a federal or State government agency 4 and approved by the Administration.
- 5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 6 October 1, 2017.