

Chapter 461

(House Bill 519)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Equipment – Safety Glass – Replacement Standards

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations establishing standards and requirements for aftermarket safety glass replacement that include certain requirements and meet or exceed the certain standards and requirements under the Automotive Glass Replacement Safety Standard established by the Auto Glass Safety Council; defining a certain term; and generally relating to standards and requirements for replacement automotive safety glass.

BY repealing and reenacting, ~~without~~ with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 22-406(a) and ~~(d) through (f)~~ (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Transportation

22-406.

(a) **(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

(2) “AFTERMARKET SAFETY GLASS REPLACEMENT” MEANS MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY GLASS REPLACEMENT SERVICES THAT OCCUR AFTER THE ORIGINAL INSTALLATION BY A VEHICLE MANUFACTURER.

(3) “Safety glass” means:

~~(1)~~ **(1)** Any glass product that is so made or treated as substantially to prevent the glass from shattering and flying when struck or broken; or

~~(2)~~ **(II)** Any similar or other product that the Administration approves.

(d) The owner of any motor vehicle may not have broken glass in the windshield of the vehicle replaced with any glass other than safety glass.

(e) The owner of any motor vehicle may not have safety glass, broken or otherwise, in doors, windows, or wings of the motor vehicle replaced with any glass other than safety glass.

(f) A person may not install in the doors, windows, windshields, and wings of any motor vehicle any glass other than glass required by subsections (d) and (e) of this section.

(g) (1) **(I)** The Administration shall compile, maintain, and publish a list, by name, of the types of glass approved by it as conforming to the specifications and requirements of safety glass as set forth in this section.

(II) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR AFTERMARKET SAFETY GLASS REPLACEMENT THAT ~~MEET OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE AUTOMOTIVE GLASS REPLACEMENT SAFETY STANDARD ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTO GLASS SAFETY COUNCIL;~~

1. REQUIRE THAT THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES USED MEET OR EXCEED ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER SPECIFICATIONS;

2. REQUIRE THE USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY GLASS THAT MEETS AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE Z26.1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD 205 AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADMINISTRATION; AND

3. MEET OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE/AUTO GLASS SAFETY COUNCIL/AUTOMOTIVE GLASS REPLACEMENT SAFETY STANDARD.

(2) The Administration may not register any motor vehicle that is subject to the provisions of this section unless it is equipped with an approved type of safety glass and shall suspend the registration of any motor vehicle subject to this section that the Administration finds is not so equipped until the vehicle is made to conform to the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.