

## **Chapter 335**

### **(House Bill 1279)**

AN ACT concerning

#### **Motor Vehicle Administration – Plug-In Vehicles – Disclosure of Personal Information**

FOR the purpose of requiring a custodian of certain records of the Motor Vehicle Administration containing personal information to disclose certain personal information related to plug-in vehicles for certain use by an electric company subject to certain restrictions; and generally relating to the disclosure of personal information related to plug-in vehicles from the records of the Motor Vehicle Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 10–616(p)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 10–616(p)(5)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – State Government**

10–616.

(p) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) through (5) of this subsection, a custodian may not knowingly disclose a public record of the Motor Vehicle Administration containing personal information.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subsection, a custodian shall disclose personal information:

(i) for use by a federal, state, or local government, including a law enforcement agency, or a court in carrying out its functions;

(ii) for use in connection with matters of:

1. motor vehicle or driver safety;
2. motor vehicle theft;
3. motor vehicle emissions;
4. motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories;
5. performance monitoring of motor vehicle parts and dealers; and
6. removal of nonowner records from the original records of motor vehicle manufacturers;

(iii) for use by a private detective agency licensed by the Secretary of State Police under Title 13 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article or a security guard service licensed by the Secretary of State Police under Title 19 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article for a purpose permitted under this paragraph;

(iv) for use in connection with a civil, administrative, arbitral, or criminal proceeding in a federal, state, or local court or regulatory agency for service of process, investigation in anticipation of litigation, and execution or enforcement of judgments or orders;

(v) for purposes of research or statistical reporting as approved by the Motor Vehicle Administration provided that the personal information is not published, redisclosed, or used to contact the individual;

(vi) for use by an insurer, insurance support organization, or self-insured entity, or its employees, agents, or contractors, in connection with rating, underwriting, claims investigating, and antifraud activities;

(vii) for use in the normal course of business activity by a legitimate business entity, its agents, employees, or contractors, but only:

1. to verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by the individual to that entity; and
2. if the information submitted is not accurate, to obtain correct information only for the purpose of:
  - A. preventing fraud by the individual;

- B. pursuing legal remedies against the individual; or
- C. recovering on a debt or security interest against the individual;

(viii) for use by an employer or insurer to obtain or verify information relating to a holder of a commercial driver's license that is required under the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (49 U.S.C. § 31101 et seq.);

(ix) for use in connection with the operation of a private toll transportation facility;

(x) for use in providing notice to the owner of a towed or impounded motor vehicle;

(xi) for use by an applicant who provides written consent from the individual to whom the information pertains if the consent is obtained within the 6-month period before the date of the request for personal information;

(xii) for use in any matter relating to:

1. the operation of a Class B (for hire), Class C (funeral and ambulance), or Class Q (limousine) vehicle; and
2. public safety or the treatment by the operator of a member of the public;

(xiii) for a use specifically authorized by the law of this State, if the use is related to the operation of a motor vehicle or public safety;

(xiv) for use by a hospital to obtain, for hospital security purposes, information relating to ownership of vehicles parked on hospital property; [and]

(xv) for use by a procurement organization requesting information under § 4-516 of the Estates and Trusts Article for the purposes of organ, tissue, and eye donation; AND

**(XVI) FOR USE BY AN ELECTRIC COMPANY, AS DEFINED IN § 1-101 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE, BUT ONLY:**

**1. INFORMATION DESCRIBING A PLUG-IN VEHICLE, AS DEFINED IN § 25-108 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, AND IDENTIFYING THE ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE PLUG-IN VEHICLE;**

**2. FOR USE IN PLANNING FOR THE AVAILABILITY AND RELIABILITY OF THE ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY; AND**

**3. IF THE INFORMATION IS NOT:**

**A. PUBLISHED OR REDISCLOSED, INCLUDING REDISCLOSED TO AN AFFILIATE AS DEFINED IN § 7-501 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE; OR**

**B. USED FOR MARKETING OR SOLICITATION PURPOSES.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

**Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.**