

# HOUSE BILL 342

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By: **Delegate O'Donnell**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Officials – Chauffeured Transportation Services**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that public officials may not request the Department of  
4 State Police to provide chauffeured transportation services for them for any  
5 purpose; providing that public officials may not request the Department to  
6 provide an officer or employee of the Department to provide chauffeured  
7 transportation services for them for any purpose; providing that public officials  
8 may not require employees under their control to perform chauffeured  
9 transportation services for any purpose by using certain vehicles; providing that  
10 a certain provision of this Act does not apply to the Governor and the  
11 Lieutenant Governor; providing for certain circumstances under which the  
12 prohibitions of this Act do not apply; providing that members of the General  
13 Assembly may not request the use of the personnel and vehicles assigned by the  
14 Department to the Legislative Security Force for chauffeured transportation  
15 services, subject to certain exceptions; defining a certain term; and generally  
16 relating to the provision of chauffeured transportation services for public  
17 officials.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – State Government  
20 Section 2–106  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2009 Replacement Volume)

23 BY adding to  
24 Article – State Government  
25 Section 8–504  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2009 Replacement Volume)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – State Government**

4 2–106.

5 (a) In this section, “Force” means the Legislative Security Force.

6 (b) There is a Legislative Security Force.

7 (c) The Force consists of the members of the Department of State Police who  
8 are assigned for duty with the General Assembly.

9 (d) Under the guidance of the presiding officers of the General Assembly, the  
10 Force shall maintain order during the conduct of the legislative process.

11 **(E) EXCEPT UNDER EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, AS DETERMINED BY**  
12 **THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE, OR IF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL**  
13 **ASSEMBLY HAS JUSTIFIABLE HEALTH OR MEDICAL NEEDS, A MEMBER OF THE**  
14 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE**  
15 **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY NOT REQUEST THE USE OF**  
16 **PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES ASSIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE**  
17 **TO THE FORCE FOR CHAUFFEURED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE**  
18 **MEMBER FOR ANY PURPOSE.**

19 8–504.

20 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PUBLIC OFFICIAL” MEANS:**

21 **(1) THE SECRETARY AND A DEPUTY SECRETARY OF A PRINCIPAL**  
22 **DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH;**

23 **(2) THE COMPTROLLER;**

24 **(3) THE STATE TREASURER;**

25 **(4) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;**

26 **(5) THE SECRETARY OF STATE;**

27 **(6) THE CHIEF JUDGE OF:**

28 **(I) THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND;**

- 1                   (II) THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS OF MARYLAND; AND
- 2                   (III) THE DISTRICT COURT;
- 3                   (7) THE CHAIR OF THE CONFERENCE OF CIRCUIT COURT  
4 JUDGES;
- 5                   (8) THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE OFFICE OF  
6 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS;
- 7                   (9) THE DIRECTOR, CHAIR, OR HEAD OF AN INDEPENDENT  
8 REGULATORY COMMISSION, A QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATION CREATED BY  
9 STATE LAW, OR ANY OTHER INDEPENDENT AGENCY IN THE EXECUTIVE  
10 BRANCH; AND
- 11                   (10) THE CHANCELLOR AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY  
12 SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, THE PRESIDENT OF EACH CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION  
13 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, THE  
14 PRESIDENT OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE PRESIDENT OF ST.  
15 MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND.

16                   (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE GOVERNOR OR THE  
17 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

18                   (C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A  
19 PUBLIC OFFICIAL MAY NOT:

20                   (1) REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE TO PROVIDE,  
21 BY MEANS OF A VEHICLE OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT, CHAUFFEURED  
22 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL FOR ANY PURPOSE;

23                   (2) REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE TO PROVIDE  
24 AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM CHAUFFEURED  
25 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL FOR ANY PURPOSE, BY  
26 USING THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S STATE-OWNED VEHICLE OR PERSONAL VEHICLE;  
27 OR

28                   (3) REQUIRE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, UNIT,  
29 OR OTHER ENTITY OVER WHOM THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL HAS CONTROL TO DRIVE  
30 THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL FOR ANY PURPOSE IN A VEHICLE OWNED BY THE STATE,  
31 THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL, OR THE EMPLOYEE.

32                   (D) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT  
33 APPLY IF:

1           **(1) THERE ARE EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, AS DETERMINED**  
2 **BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE OR THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IN**  
3 **THE DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, UNIT, OR OTHER ENTITY TO WHICH THE PUBLIC**  
4 **OFFICIAL WAS ELECTED OR APPOINTED OR BY WHICH THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL IS**  
5 **EMPLOYED; OR**

6           **(2) THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL HAS JUSTIFIABLE HEALTH OR MEDICAL**  
7 **NEEDS THAT REQUIRE CHAUFFEURED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN ORDER**  
8 **FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO PERFORM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC**  
9 **OFFICIAL'S POSITION.**

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