

SENATE BILL 149

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Kagan**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Rental Vehicle Agreements – Disclosures – Spare Tires**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a motor vehicle rental company to disclose in the rental
4 agreement whether a rental vehicle is equipped with a spare tire; requiring a motor
5 vehicle rental company to require a renter to initial the disclosure before renting a
6 rental vehicle; and generally relating to rental vehicle agreements and spare tires.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 17–104.3(a)(1), (3), and (4)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 18–110

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 17–104.3.

21 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (3) “Motor vehicle rental company” means a person that is in the business
23 of providing motor vehicles to the public under a rental agreement for a period not

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 exceeding 180 days.

2 (4) "Rental agreement" means a written agreement containing the terms
3 and conditions that govern the use of a rental vehicle provided by a motor vehicle rental
4 company under the provisions of this article.

5 **18-110.**

6 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
7 INDICATED.

8 (2) "MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY" HAS THE MEANING STATED
9 IN § 17-104.3 OF THIS ARTICLE.

10 (3) "RENTAL AGREEMENT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 17-104.3
11 OF THIS ARTICLE.

12 (4) "RENTAL VEHICLE" MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED
13 UNDER § 13-912 OR § 13-937 OF THIS ARTICLE.

14 (B) A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY SHALL:

15 (1) DISCLOSE IN THE RENTAL AGREEMENT WHETHER A RENTAL
16 VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH A SPARE TIRE; AND

17 (2) REQUIRE A RENTER TO INITIAL THE DISCLOSURE BEFORE
18 RENTING A RENTAL VEHICLE.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2022.