

SENATE BILL 377

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By: **Senator Kagan**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2021

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Rental Vehicles – Provision of Spare Tires**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring motor vehicle rental companies to provide one of certain spare
4 tires with a rental vehicle; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the
5 provision of spare tires for rental vehicles.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article – Transportation

8 Section 17–104.3(a)(1) and (3)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2020 Replacement Volume)

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Transportation

13 Section 18–110

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2020 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 17–104.3.

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

21 (3) “Motor vehicle rental company” means a person that is in the business
22 of providing motor vehicles to the public under a rental agreement for a period not
23 exceeding 180 days.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 18-110.

2 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
3 INDICATED.

4 (2) "DONUT TIRE" MEANS A SPARE TIRE THAT IS:

5 (I) SMALLER IN DIAMETER THAN THE MANUFACTURER'S
6 STANDARD ISSUE TIRES SOLD ON A VEHICLE; AND

7 (II) MEANT ONLY FOR TEMPORARY USE.

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

10 (B) A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE WITH EACH
11 RENTAL VEHICLE EITHER A SPARE MANUFACTURER'S STANDARD ISSUE
12 PERMANENT TIRE OR A SPARE DONUT TIRE.

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