

SENATE BILL 552

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Combinations – Use on Maryland Route 212 Prohibited**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain motor vehicle combinations designed and used
4 for certain purposes and totaling a certain length from using Maryland Route
5 212 in Prince George’s County; and generally relating to prohibiting certain
6 motor vehicles from using Maryland Route 212 in Prince George’s County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Transportation
9 Section 24–209
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 24–209.

16 (a) The State Highway Administration may conduct appropriate studies to
17 determine whether the safety and general welfare of a residential community are
18 threatened by noise, vibration, or incidence of truck traffic on any State highway. In
19 determining whether or not to conduct such a study, the Administration shall consider
20 the number of complaints about truck traffic received, if any, from residents of an
21 area.

22 (b) If the State Highway Administration determines that a threat exists and
23 that the safety and general welfare of the residential community would be promoted
24 by the adoption of restrictions on the use of the State highway by trucks, the
25 Administration may establish routes, speed limits, time restrictions, weight

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 restrictions, or other measures with respect to truck traffic on the State highway,
2 which will minimize the adverse effects of that traffic on the residential area or cause
3 that traffic to avoid the residential area entirely.

4 (c) Under this section, truck traffic may be prohibited entirely on any State
5 highway or part of a State highway, if an adequately functional alternate route is
6 available to carry the truck traffic, taking into consideration the amount of additional
7 fuel that would be required over the alternate route and the economic impact on the
8 citizens of this State caused by the alternate route.

9 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE
10 STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROHIBIT FROM USING MARYLAND
11 ROUTE 212 IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ANY TRACTOR-TRAILER
12 COMBINATION, SEMITRAILER COMBINATION, OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE
13 COMBINATION THAT:

14 (1) TOTALS 48 FEET OR MORE IN LENGTH; AND

15 (2) IS DESIGNED AND USED FOR CARRYING FREIGHT OR
16 MERCHANDISE IN FURTHERANCE OF ANY COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.

17 [(d)] (E) The provisions of this section:

18 (1) Do not apply to any Class E (truck) vehicles of 10,000 pounds or
19 less gross vehicle weight; and

20 (2) Do not preclude the making of local deliveries of supplies or
21 services in any residential communities.

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