

Chapter 19

(Senate Bill 75)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Administration – Investigative Division – Issuance of Citations

FOR the purpose of authorizing an employee of the Investigative Division of the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue citations to the same extent as a police officer under certain circumstances; altering the violations for which an employee of the Investigative Division may issue a citation under certain circumstances; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the authority of employees of the Investigative Division of the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue citations.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 11–147
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume)

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Article – Transportation
Section 12–104.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Transportation

11–147.

“Police officer” means an officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law or of local or other traffic laws or regulations.

12–104.1.

(a) The Administrator may designate employees of the Investigative Division of the Administration to exercise the powers specified in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) (1) An employee appointed under this section may issue citations to the **SAME** extent **AS A POLICE OFFICER IF** authorized by the Administration, for violations of:

(i) **[Those] THE** provisions of Title 13 of this article **[relating to:**

1. The vehicle excise tax;
2. Vehicle titling and registration;
3. Special registration plates for individuals with disabilities; and
4. Parking permits for individuals with disabilities];

(ii) **[Those] THE** provisions of Title 17 of this article relating to required security;

(iii) **[Those] THE** provisions of Title 14 of this article relating to falsified, altered, or forged documents and plates;

(iv) **[Those] THE** provisions of Title 16 of this article relating to unlawful application for a license, **[and]** vehicle operation during periods of cancellation, revocation, and suspension of a driver's license, **AND DUPLICATION OR REPRODUCTION OF AN IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DRIVER'S LICENSE;**

(v) **[Those] THE** provisions of Title 21 of this article relating to special residential parking permits issued by the Administration;

(vi) **[Those provisions of §§ 15–113 and 15–113.1 of this article relating to maintenance of and access to required business records;**

(vii) **Those] THE** provisions of Title 15 of this article **[relating to unlicensed business activity; and];**

(VII) THE PROVISIONS OF § 22–415 OF THIS ARTICLE RELATING TO ODOMETERS; AND

(viii) **[Those] THE** provisions of this title relating to the issuance of an identification card.

(2) The issuance of citations under this section shall comply with the requirements of § 26–201 of this article.

(c) The Administration shall adopt regulations establishing:

(1) Qualifications for employees appointed under this section including prerequisites of character, training, experience, and education; and

(2) Standards for the performance of the duties assigned to employees appointed under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2013.