

SENATE BILL 445

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By: **Senator West**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Equipment – Safety Glass – Replacement Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations
4 establishing standards and requirements for aftermarket safety glass replacement
5 that meet or exceed the standards and requirements under the Automotive Glass
6 Replacement Safety Standard established by the Auto Glass Safety Council; and
7 generally relating to standards and requirements for replacement automotive safety
8 glass.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 22–406(a) and (d) through (f)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2020 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 22–406(g)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2020 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 22–406.

23 (a) “Safety glass” means:

24 (1) Any glass product that is so made or treated as substantially to prevent

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



the glass from shattering and flying when struck or broken; or

(2) Any similar or other product that the Administration approves.

(d) The owner of any motor vehicle may not have broken glass in the windshield of the vehicle replaced with any glass other than safety glass.

(e) The owner of any motor vehicle may not have safety glass, broken or otherwise, in doors, windows, or wings of the motor vehicle replaced with any glass other than safety glass.

(f) A person may not install in the doors, windows, windshields, and wings of any motor vehicle any glass other than glass required by subsections (d) and (e) of this section.

(g) (1) (I) The Administration shall compile, maintain, and publish a list, by name, of the types of glass approved by it as conforming to the specifications and requirements of safety glass as set forth in this section.

(II) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR AFTERMARKET SAFETY GLASS REPLACEMENT THAT MEET OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE AUTOMOTIVE GLASS REPLACEMENT SAFETY STANDARD ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTO GLASS SAFETY COUNCIL.

(2) The Administration may not register any motor vehicle that is subject to the provisions of this section unless it is equipped with an approved type of safety glass and shall suspend the registration of any motor vehicle subject to this section that the Administration finds is not so equipped until the vehicle is made to conform to the requirements of this section.

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