

SENATE BILL 445

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By: **Senator West**

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CHAPTER _____

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 include certain requirements and meet or exceed the certain standards and
6 requirements under the Automotive Glass Replacement Safety Standard established
7 by the Auto Glass Safety Council; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
8 standards and requirements for replacement automotive safety glass.

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

14 BY repealing and reenacting, ~~with~~ without amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section ~~22–406(e)~~ 22–406(d) through (f)
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**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 22-406.

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

4 **(2) “AFTERMARKET SAFETY GLASS REPLACEMENT” MEANS MOTOR**
 5 **VEHICLE SAFETY GLASS REPLACEMENT SERVICES THAT OCCUR AFTER THE**
 6 **ORIGINAL INSTALLATION BY A VEHICLE MANUFACTURER.**

7 **(3) “Safety glass” means:**

8 ~~(1)~~ **(I)** Any glass product that is so made or treated as substantially to
 9 prevent the glass from shattering and flying when struck or broken; or

10 ~~(2)~~ **(II)** Any similar or other product that the Administration approves.

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

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

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

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

21 **(II) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS**
 22 **ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR AFTERMARKET SAFETY GLASS**
 23 **REPLACEMENT THAT ~~MEET OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS~~**
 24 **~~UNDER THE AUTOMOTIVE GLASS REPLACEMENT SAFETY STANDARD ESTABLISHED~~**
 25 **~~BY THE AUTO GLASS SAFETY COUNCIL;~~**

26 **1. REQUIRE THAT THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES USED**
 27 **MEET OR EXCEED ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER SPECIFICATIONS;**

28 **2. REQUIRE THE USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY GLASS**
 29 **THAT MEETS AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE Z26.1 IN ACCORDANCE**
 30 **WITH FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD 205 AND ANY OTHER**
 31 **APPLICABLE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD ADOPTED BY THE**
 32 **NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADMINISTRATION; AND**

1 **3. MEET OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS AND**
2 **REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE/AUTO**
3 **GLASS SAFETY COUNCIL/AUTOMOTIVE GLASS REPLACEMENT SAFETY STANDARD.**

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.