

CHAPTER 582

(House Bill 511)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Moving Violations by Minors – Notification of Parent or Guardian

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to notify the parent, guardian, or other cosigner of a minor's driver's license application if a citation is issued to the minor charging the minor with a moving violation; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court, in conjunction with the Motor Vehicle Administrator, to establish procedures for notifying the Administration of each citation within the jurisdiction of the District Court that is issued to a minor licensed in the State charging that the minor committed a moving violation; requiring the notice provided by the Administration to contain certain information; providing for the construction and applicability of this Act; and generally relating to notifying a parent, guardian, or other cosigner of a minor's driver's license application that a citation alleging a moving violation was issued to the minor.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 1–605(d)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–808
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

1–605.

(d) In addition to the powers and duties granted and imposed in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, or elsewhere by law or rule, the Chief Judge of the District Court shall:

(4) In conjunction with the Motor Vehicle Administrator, establish uniform procedures for reporting traffic cases in the District Court, including procedures for promptly notifying the Motor Vehicle Administration of each citation within the jurisdiction of the District Court that is issued to a minor licensed in the State charging the minor with [driving a motor vehicle at least 20 miles per hour above the maximum lawful speed;] **A MOVING VIOLATION AS DEFINED IN § 11-136.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;**

Article – Transportation

21-808.

(a) Upon receipt of notification from the District Court under § 1-605(d)(4) of the Courts Article that a citation was issued to a minor charging the minor with [driving a motor vehicle at least 20 miles per hour above the maximum lawful speed,] **A MOVING VIOLATION AS DEFINED IN § 11-136.1 OF THIS ARTICLE,** the Administration promptly shall notify the cosigner of the minor's driver's license application that the citation was issued to the minor.

(b) The notification required under subsection (a) of this section shall:

(1) Be mailed by the Administration to the most recent address provided by the cosigner in accordance with § 16-107(b) of this article; and

(2) Contain the following information:

(i) The name, address, and date of birth of the minor charged with the violation;

(ii) **IDENTIFICATION OF THE MOVING VIOLATION CHARGED;**

(iii) [The] **IF THE CITATION WAS ISSUED FOR A SPEEDING VIOLATION, THE** speed at which the minor is alleged to have [driven;

(iii) The] **DRIVEN AND THE** maximum lawful speed at the location of the alleged violation;

(iv) The amount of the fine specified in the citation; and

(v) The number of points that may be assessed against the minor.

(c) Evidence of the receipt or lack of receipt of the notice required by this section is not admissible in any civil or criminal action against a cosigner.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may be applied only to a citation issued to a minor on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2008.