

CHAPTER 177

(House Bill 56)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 118 and 122 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicle", sub-title "Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility", relating to evidence of insurance required after certain convictions- AND ACCIDENTS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 118 and 122 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicle", sub-title "Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

118. Owners and operators of motor vehicles after certain convictions.

(a) Whenever the Department is required under any law of this State to revoke the operator's or chauffeur's license of any person upon receiving record of the conviction of such person for any offense under the motor vehicle laws of this, or any other State, the Department shall suspend any and all of the registration certificates or cards and registration plates issued for any motor vehicle registered in the name of the person so convicted as owner except that it shall not suspend such evidences of registration in the event such owner has previously given or shall immediately give and thereafter maintain, *for a period of three (3) years*, proof of financial responsibility in the manner specified by this Article with respect to each and every motor vehicle owned and registered by such person.

(b) The suspensions or revocations hereinbefore required shall remain in effect and the Department shall not issue to any such person any new license or any renewal of license or register or reregister in the name of such person any motor vehicle until permitted under the Motor Vehicle Laws of this State and not then unless and until said person gives *and thereafter maintains for a period of three (3) years*, proof of his **[continuing]** financial responsibility **[in future.]**, *as defined by Section 122 of this Article.* **[If at any time in the future, any such person shall fail to retain adequate proof of financial responsibility by maintaining automobile liability and property damage insurance, as defined by Section 119 of this Article, the suspension or revocation of the license shall immediately again become effective and shall remain effective unless and until such person gives proof of his continuing financial responsibility in the future.]**

(c) The Department shall take action as required in this section upon receiving evidence of any such conviction of any person in another State.

(d) For the purpose of administration of the provisions of this section the term conviction shall include a forfeiture of bail or col-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.