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Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 662
(House Bill 304)

AN ACT to add new Sections 294(c) and (d) to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Vehicles upon Highways," to follow immediately after Section 294(b) thereof providing certain criteria for constructing and attaching certain types of mufflers and exhaust pipes, prohibiting the emission of excessive fumes and smoke from motor vehicles, and establishing standards for determining the excessiveness of such fumes and smoke.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Sections 294(c) and (d) be and it is hereby added to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Vehicles upon Highways," to follow immediately after Section 294(b) thereof, and to read as follows:

294.

(c) *All mufflers and exhaust pipes carrying exhaust gases from the motor shall be constructed of leak-proof metal tubing and shall be erected parallel to the ground and vehicle, or vertical, and, if vertical, the exhaust from such pipes shall not be directed to the side of the vehicle. On passenger vehicles such exhaust pipes shall extend to the extreme rear of said vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any person to use on the exhaust or "tail-pipe" of a motor vehicle any extension or other device to cause excessive or unusual noise.*

(d) *The engine, power and exhaust mechanism of every motor vehicle shall be so equipped, adjusted, and operated as to prevent the ~~escape therefrom~~ CONTINUOUS EMISSION of excessive fumes or smoke, but in no case shall such emission be:*

(1) *As dark or darker in shade as that designated as No. 2 3 on the Ringelmann Chart, as published by the United States Bureau of Mines; or,*

(2) *Of such opacity as to obscure an observer's view to a degree equal to or greater than does smoke described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.*

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