

§ 12-404.1. *Display of emblems and signs.*

*It shall be unlawful for any person to display upon a motor vehicle the insignia or emblem of any motor vehicle club or similar organization, or of a fire company, unless he shall be entitled to use the same under the constitution, by-laws, rules, or regulations of the club or organization, or to display any sign which in the judgment of the department may tend to create a hazard to safety.*

§ 12-404.2. *Display of State Seal on vehicle.*

*It shall be unlawful for any person to display in any manner upon a motor vehicle the great seal or emblem of the State of Maryland, or any facsimile thereof, in any form, unless the person is the Governor, the State Comptroller, the Attorney General, the Treasurer, the Secretary of State, the head of a State department, or an elected official.*

§ 12-405. *Tires.*

(a) *It shall be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle or trailer upon the public highways unless the motor vehicle or trailer is equipped with tires in safe operating condition in accordance with requirements approved by the commissioner.*

(b) *The commissioner shall promulgate rules of safe operating conditions capable of being employed by a law enforcement officer for visual inspection of tires maintained on vehicles including visual comparisons with simple measuring devices. The requirements shall encompass effects on tread wear and depth of tread.*

(c) *Any law enforcement officer, at any time, upon reasonable cause to believe that a vehicle is unsafe or equipped with tires in violation of the provisions of this section, may require the operator of the vehicle to stop and submit the vehicle tire to an inspection. If the inspection discloses the vehicle to be in violation, the officer may issue a summons for the violation.*

§ 12-405.1. *Sale of regrooved tires.*

*No person shall sell, or offer for sale or have in his possession with intent to sell, any motor vehicle tire, or motorcycle tire which has had its tread regrooved without the fact being plainly shown by a marking or label in the English language on the shoulder sidewall of the tire. Violation of this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor.*

§ 12-405.2. *Metal and other nonrubber material in contact with road surface.*

(a) *No person shall operate or move on any highway any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer having any metal tire in contact with the roadway.*

(b) *Except as permitted by the commissioner no tire on a vehicle moved on a highway shall have on its periphery any block, stud, flange, cleat, or spike or any other protuberance of any material other than rubber which projects beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire, except that (1) it shall be permissible to use farm machinery with tires having protuberances which will not injure the highway, and (2) it shall be permissible to use tire chains of reason-*