

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Covering of Loads

FOR the purpose of providing the manner in which loose materials shall be loaded and transported on certain vehicles, providing that certain loads must be covered under certain circumstances, and relating generally to spilling loads.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws
Section 14-106(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1970 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 14-106(a) of Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws

14-106.

(a) No MOTOR vehicle, TRAILER, OR SEMITRAILER shall be driven or moved on any highway unless the vehicle is constructed or loaded to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping therefrom, except that sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway. NO PERSON MAY TRANSPORT OR LOAD FOR TRANSPORTING ANY LOOSE MATERIAL IN A MOTOR VEHICLE, TRAILER, OR SEMITRAILER, ON OR OVER THE PUBLIC ROADS, STREETS OR HIGHWAYS OF THIS STATE IN VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION. "LOOSE MATERIAL" INCLUDES DIRT, SAND, GRAVEL, WOOD CHIPS, OR OTHER MATERIAL CAPABLE OF BLOWING, FALLING, OR SPILLING FROM A VEHICLE AS A RESULT OF MOVEMENT OR OF EXPOSURE TO AIR, WIND CURRENTS, OR WEATHER, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN THEIR NATURAL STATE. THE ADMINISTRATOR, BY RULE AND REGULATION, MAY SPECIFY ANY OTHER TYPES OF MATERIAL CAPABLE OF SPILLING OR BLOWING FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

(1) THE BED OF THE VEHICLE CARRYING A LOAD OF LOOSE MATERIALS MUST BE COMPLETELY ENCLOSED ON BOTH SIDES BY SIDEBARDS OR SIDEPANELS, ON THE FRONT BY A BOARD OR