

Article - Transportation

Section 24-102 and 24-104.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

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24-102.

(a) (1) **[For]** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR purposes of this section, the width of a vehicle includes any load that it carries and shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices, such as side mirrors, turn signal lamps, marker lamps, steps and handholds for entry and egress, flexible fender extensions, mudflaps and spray suppressant devices, and load-induced tire bulges; providing the equipment or device, other than mirrors, does not extend more than 3 inches on each side of the vehicle beyond the statutory width limitation.

(2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE WIDTH OF A MOTOR HOME OR TRAVEL TRAILER SHALL BE EXCLUSIVE OF RETRACTABLE AWNINGS INSTALLED BY THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER OR DEALER, PROVIDED THAT THE AWNINGS DO NOT EXTEND MORE THAN 6 INCHES FROM EACH SIDE OF THE VEHICLE.

(b) This section does not apply to any:

(1) Farm equipment;

(2) Vehicle transporting farm equipment; or

(3) Vehicle carrying a load of forage crops in connection with harvesting operations, if the distance traveled with the load on the highways in this State is less than 5 miles.

(c) (1) **[A]** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A vehicle may not be driven on any highway if the width of the vehicle exceeds **[the limits specified in this subsection]** 102 INCHES unless:

(i) It has a permit issued by the State Highway Administration under § 24-112 of this subtitle; or

(ii) As to a highway under the jurisdiction of a local authority, it has special permission from the local authority.

[(2)] For a motor vehicle loaded with tobacco hogsheads or sod, the width limit is 102 inches.

(3) For a bus, motor home, or travel trailer on any highway that is part of the interstate system or State primary system or for a publicly owned transit bus, the width limit is 102 inches.