

area while the vehicle is being operated on a highway; providing certain exceptions; and generally relating to prohibiting persons from occupying the cargo area in certain trucks and trailers operating on the highway.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation

Section 21-1107

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 27-101(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

21-1107.

(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

(1) A TRUCK THAT HAS A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING OF 10,001 POUNDS OR MORE; AND

(2) A TRUCK/TRAILER OR TRUCK TRACTOR/SEMITRAILER OR TRAILER COMBINATION THAT HAS A COMBINED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING OF 10,001 POUNDS OR MORE.

(B) WHILE A VEHICLE SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION IS BEING OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY:

(1) THE DRIVER MAY NOT ALLOW A PERSON TO OCCUPY THE AREA OF THE VEHICLE PRIMARILY INTENDED TO CARRY CARGO; AND

(2) A PERSON MAY NOT OCCUPY THE AREA OF THE VEHICLE PRIMARILY INTENDED TO CARRY CARGO.

(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) AN ATTENDANT DELEGATED TO CARE FOR LIVESTOCK;

(2) A VEHICLE THAT IS CONTROLLED OR OPERATED BY A FARMER AND IS:

(I) USED TO TRANSPORT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FARM MACHINERY, OR FARM SUPPLIES TO OR FROM A FARM;