

CHAPTER 444

(Senate Bill 479)

AN ACT concerning

Tow Trucks – Emergency or Secondary Tow

FOR the purpose of permitting a tow truck that is registered in another state to obtain an annual blanket permit to engage in certain types of towing activities if the tow truck meets certain requirements; *providing that a certain method of issuance of blanket permits under this Act shall be superseded if there is certain reciprocity between this State and another state*; prohibiting the operator of a certain tow truck registered in another state from towing a vehicle in Maryland unless the tow truck operator is expressly authorized to tow the vehicle; requiring the owner of such a tow truck to obtain a certain type of liability insurance; and generally relating to *the issuance under certain circumstances of certain permits to* tow trucks that are registered in another state.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 13-920

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Transportation

13-920.

(a) (1) In this section “tow truck” means a vehicle that:

(i) Is a Class E (truck) vehicle that is designed to lift, pull, or carry a vehicle by a hoist or mechanical apparatus;

(ii) Has a manufacturer’s gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more; and

(iii) Is equipped as a tow truck or designed as a rollback as defined in § 11-151.1 of this article.

(2) In this section “tow truck” does not include a truck tractor as defined in § 11-172 of this article.

(b) When registered with the Administration every tow truck as defined in this section is a Class T vehicle.

(c) A tow truck registered under this section may be used to tow vehicles for repair, storage, or removal from the highway.