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By: **Delegates Murphy, DeCarlo, and Burns**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Unattended Motor Vehicle - Private Property**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the prohibition against leaving a vehicle  
4 unattended until the engine is stopped, the ignition is locked, the key is  
5 removed, and the brake is effectively set does not apply when the vehicle is  
6 locked and on private property; and generally relating to unattended motor  
7 vehicles on private property.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Transportation  
10 Section 21-1101  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 21-1101.

17 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a person driving or  
18 otherwise in charge of a motor vehicle may not leave it unattended until the engine is  
19 stopped, the ignition locked, the key removed, and the brake effectively set.

20 (b) A person driving or otherwise in charge of a motor vehicle may not leave  
21 the motor vehicle unattended until, if the vehicle is on a grade, the front wheels are  
22 turned to the curb or side of the highway.

23 (c) (1) When a cat or dog is left in the unattended vehicle of an on-duty law  
24 enforcement officer or an animal control officer, the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
25 section do not apply to the law enforcement officer or the animal control officer.

26 (2) WHEN A VEHICLE IS LOCKED AND ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, THE  
27 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 2000.