

# HOUSE BILL 321

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Transit Vehicle Operators – Prohibition on Use of Wireless**  
3 **Communication Devices**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from using a certain wireless communication  
5 device while operating a transit vehicle; defining a certain term; establishing a  
6 certain penalty; and generally relating to the use of certain wireless  
7 communication devices by persons who operate transit vehicles.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 7–705.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2007 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 **7–705.1.**

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE” HAS THE  
18 MEANING STATED IN § 21–1124 OF THIS ARTICLE.

19 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT USE A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE  
20 WHILE OPERATING A TRANSIT VEHICLE.

21 (C) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A  
22 MISDEMEANOR AND IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2008.