

HOUSE BILL 476

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Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2015
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Wearable Computer With Head–Mounted Display – Prohibited**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from operating a motor vehicle on a highway
4 while wearing or using a wearable computer with a head–mounted display; defining
5 a certain term; and generally relating to prohibiting the wearing or use of a wearable
6 computer with a head–mounted display while operating a motor vehicle on a
7 highway.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 21–1130
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 27–101(a) and (b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 **21–1130.**

22 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “WEARABLE COMPUTER WITH A HEAD–MOUNTED**
23 **DISPLAY” MEANS A COMPUTER DEVICE THAT:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) IS WORN ON AN INDIVIDUAL’S HEAD; AND**

2 **(2) PROJECTS VISUAL INFORMATION INTO THE FIELD OF VISION OF**
3 **THE INDIVIDUAL WEARING THE DEVICE.**

4 **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A HIGHWAY**
5 **WHILE WEARING OR USING A WEARABLE COMPUTER WITH A HEAD-MOUNTED**
6 **DISPLAY.**

7 27-101.

8 (a) It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of the
9 Maryland Vehicle Law unless the violation:

10 (1) Is declared to be a felony by the Maryland Vehicle Law or by any other
11 law of this State; or

12 (2) Is punishable by a civil penalty under the applicable provision of the
13 Maryland Vehicle Law.

14 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a
15 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is
16 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2015.