

# HOUSE BILL 654

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Unattended Motor Vehicle – Exception to Prohibition**

3 **PG 313–15**

4 FOR the purpose of creating in Prince George's County an exception for the use of a remote  
5 keyless ignition system to the prohibition against leaving a motor vehicle unattended  
6 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the application in Prince  
7 George's County of the prohibition against leaving a motor vehicle unattended under  
8 certain circumstances.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Transportation  
11 Section 21–1101  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 21–1101.

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4                   **(2)    IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**  
5 **DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHO IS IN CHARGE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT HAS**  
6 **RECENTLY HAD THE ENGINE STARTED USING A REMOTE KEYLESS IGNITION SYSTEM.**

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