A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Rules of the Road – Duty to Remain at Scene of Accident – Penalties

FOR the purpose of increasing the penalty for failing to remain at the scene of a certain vehicle accident that results in the death of another person; and generally relating to the requirement to remain at the scene of a vehicle accident.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 20–102
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 27–113
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

20–102.

(a) (1) The driver of each vehicle involved in an accident that results in bodily injury to another person immediately shall stop the vehicle as close as possible to the scene of the accident, without obstructing traffic more than necessary.
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(2) The driver of each vehicle involved in an accident that results in bodily injury to another person immediately shall return to and remain at the scene of the accident until the driver has complied with § 20–104 of this title.

(b) (1) The driver of each vehicle involved in an accident that results in the death of another person immediately shall stop the vehicle as close as possible to the scene of the accident, without obstructing traffic more than necessary.

(2) The driver of each vehicle involved in an accident that results in the death of another person immediately shall return to and remain at the scene of the accident until the driver has complied with § 20–104 of this title.

In this section, “serious bodily injury” means an injury that:

(1) Creates a substantial risk of death;

(2) Causes serious permanent or serious protracted disfigurement;

(3) Causes serious permanent or serious protracted loss of the function of any body part, organ, or mental faculty; or

(4) Causes serious permanent or serious protracted impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ.

A person who violates § 20–102 of this article (“Driver to remain at scene — Accident resulting in bodily injury or death”) and who knew or reasonably should have known that the accident might result in serious bodily injury to another person and serious bodily injury actually occurred to another person, is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than $5,000 or both.

A person who violates § 20–102 of this article (“Driver to remain at scene — Accident resulting in bodily injury or death”) and who knew or reasonably should have known that the accident might result in the death of another person and death actually occurred to another person, is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment for not more than [10] 15 years or a fine of not more than $10,000 or both.

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