

# HOUSE BILL 612

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Manslaughter by Motor Vehicle or Vessel – Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for manslaughter by vehicle or vessel; and  
4 generally relating to manslaughter by vehicle or vessel.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Criminal Law  
7 Section 2–209  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Criminal Law**

13 2–209.

14 (a) In this section, “vehicle” includes a motor vehicle, streetcar, locomotive,  
15 engine, and train.

16 (b) A person may not cause the death of another as a result of the person’s driving,  
17 operating, or controlling a vehicle or vessel in a grossly negligent manner.

18 (c) A violation of this section is manslaughter by vehicle or vessel.

19 (d) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is  
20 subject to imprisonment not exceeding [10] **15** years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (e)   (1)   An indictment or other charging document for manslaughter by vehicle  
2 or vessel is sufficient if it substantially states:

3           “(name of defendant) on (date) in (county) killed (name of victim) in a grossly  
4 negligent manner against the peace, government, and dignity of the State.”.

5           (2)   An indictment or other charging document for manslaughter by vehicle  
6 or vessel need not set forth the manner or means of death.

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2016.