

# SENATE BILL 992

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By: **Senator Young**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Giving Way to Overtaking Vehicles in the Left Lane**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that on a roadway that has two or more lanes for traffic  
4 moving in the same direction a vehicle being overtaken in the far left lane shall give  
5 way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle under certain circumstances;  
6 establishing certain penalties for a violation of this Act; making a certain stylistic  
7 change; and generally relating to the overtaking and passing of vehicles.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 21–303

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 27–101(gg)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 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 21–303.

22 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, this section governs the  
23 overtaking and passing of vehicles going in the same direction.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle that is going in the same  
2 direction shall pass to the left of the overtaken vehicle at a safe distance.

3 (c) The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle that is going in the same  
4 direction, until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle, may not drive any part of [his] **THE**  
5 **DRIVER'S** vehicle directly in front of the overtaken vehicle.

6 (d) **(1)** Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the  
7 driver of an overtaken vehicle, on audible signal, shall give way to the right in favor of the  
8 overtaking vehicle.

9 **(2) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**  
10 **ON A ROADWAY THAT HAS TWO OR MORE LANES FOR TRAFFIC MOVING IN THE SAME**  
11 **DIRECTION, WHEN SAFE AND PRACTICABLE, THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE BEING**  
12 **OVERTAKEN IN THE FAR LEFT LANE SHALL GIVE WAY TO THE RIGHT IN FAVOR OF AN**  
13 **OVERTAKING VEHICLE.**

14 **(II) SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY**  
15 **TO:**

16 **1. A VEHICLE IN THE FAR LEFT LANE PREPARING FOR A**  
17 **LEFT TURN; OR**

18 **2. A VEHICLE IN A HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE IF:**

19 **A. THE HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANE IS A SINGLE**  
20 **LANE MOVING IN ONE DIRECTION; AND**

21 **B. THE HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS ARE**  
22 **IN EFFECT.**

23 (e) Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of  
24 an overtaken vehicle, until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle, may not increase  
25 the speed of his vehicle.

26 27-101.

27 **(GG) A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF § 21-303(D)(2)(I) OF**  
28 **THIS ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO:**

29 **(1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE OF \$100;**

30 **(2) FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, A FINE OF \$300; AND**

1                   **(3) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE OF \$500.**

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