

HOUSE BILL 1403

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By: **Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Beidle, Kramer, and A. Miller**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Failure to Use Seat Belts – Court Costs**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that the fine for violations related to mandatory seat belt
4 use includes court costs.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
6 Article – Transportation
7 Section 22–412.3(b) and (c)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 22–412.3(k)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 22–412.3.

19 (b) A person may not operate a motor vehicle unless the person and each occupant
20 under 16 years old are restrained by a seat belt or a child safety seat as provided in §
21 22–412.2 of this subtitle.

22 (c) (1) The provisions of this subsection apply to a person who is at least 16
23 years old.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Unless a person is restrained by a seat belt, the person may not be a
2 passenger in an outboard front seat of a motor vehicle.

3 (3) (i) Unless a person is restrained by a seat belt, the person may not
4 be a passenger in a rear seat of a motor vehicle.

5 (ii) A police officer may enforce this paragraph only as a secondary
6 action when the police officer detains a driver of a motor vehicle for a suspected violation
7 of another provision of the Code.

8 (k) Any person convicted of a violation of this section is subject to a fine of not
9 more than \$50, **INCLUDING COURT COSTS.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2018.