

HOUSE BILL 1403

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

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of altering the penalties for a violation related to mandatory seat belt use;
4 establishing that the fine for violations related to mandatory seat belt use includes
5 court costs; and generally relating to penalties for failure to use seat belts.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article – Transportation

8 Section 22–412.3(b) and (c)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Transportation

13 Section 22–412.3(k)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 22–412.3.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (b) A person may not operate a motor vehicle unless the person and each occupant
2 under 16 years old are restrained by a seat belt or a child safety seat as provided in §
3 22-412.2 of this subtitle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.