

HOUSE BILL 207

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Edelson**

Requested: October 24, 2023

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Reckless Driving and Aggressive Driving – Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the penalties for reckless driving and aggressive driving; and
4 generally relating to penalties for reckless driving and aggressive driving.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Transportation
7 Section 21–901.1 and 21–901.2
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

12 21–901.1.

14 (a) A person is guilty of reckless driving if [he] **THE PERSON** drives a motor
15 vehicle:

16 (1) In wanton or willful disregard for the safety of persons or property; or

17 (2) In a manner that indicates a wanton or willful disregard for the safety
18 of persons or property.

19 (b) A person is guilty of negligent driving if he drives a motor vehicle in a careless
20 or imprudent manner that endangers any property or the life or person of any individual.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (a) of this section is **GUILTY OF**
2 **A MISDEMEANOR AND IS** subject to [a]:

3 (1) **A fine not exceeding \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30**
4 **DAYS OR BOTH; AND**

5 (2) **FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OCCURRING WITHIN**
6 **3 YEARS AFTER A PRIOR CONVICTION UNDER THIS SECTION, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING**
7 **\$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 90 DAYS OR BOTH.**

8 21-901.2.

9 (A) A person is guilty of aggressive driving if the person commits three or more of
10 the following offenses at the same time or during a single and continuous period of driving
11 in violation of:

12 (1) § 21-202 of this title (Traffic lights with steady indication);

13 (2) § 21-303 of this title (Overtaking and passing vehicles);

14 (3) § 21-304 of this title (Passing on right);

15 (4) § 21-309 of this title (Driving on laned roadways);

16 (5) § 21-310 of this title (Following too closely);

17 (6) § 21-403 of this title (Failure to yield right-of-way); or

18 (7) § 21-801.1 of this title (Exceeding a maximum speed limit or posted
19 maximum speed limit).

20 (B) **A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
21 **SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND IS SUBJECT TO:**

22 (1) **A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT**
23 **EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH; AND**

24 (2) **FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OCCURRING WITHIN**
25 **3 YEARS AFTER A PRIOR CONVICTION UNDER THIS SECTION, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING**
26 **\$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 90 DAYS OR BOTH.**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2024.