

---

**By: Delegates Harkins, Kach, Bonsack, Jacobs, Brinkley, M. Burns, Edwards, Hutchins, Getty, Owings, Snodgrass, and Stup**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 1996

Assigned to: Judiciary

---

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Homicide by Motor Vehicle or Vessel While Under the Influence of Alcohol -**  
3 **Penalties**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the penalty for the crime of homicide by motor vehicle or  
5 vessel while under the influence of alcohol; and generally relating to homicide by  
6 motor vehicle or vessel while under the influence of alcohol.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
9 Section 388A(c)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 388A.

16 (c) A person who causes the death of another as the result of the person's  
17 negligent driving, operation, or control of a motor vehicle or vessel while under the  
18 influence of alcohol is guilty of a misdemeanor to be known as "homicide by motor vehicle  
19 or vessel while under the influence", and on conviction shall be punished by  
20 imprisonment for not more than [1 year] 3 YEARS or a fine of not more than \$1,000 or  
21 both.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 1996.