
By: Senator Dorman

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Homicide by Negligent Driving of a Motor Vehicle or Vessel**

3 FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor for a person to cause the death of another
4 as the result of the person's negligent driving, operation, or control of a motor
5 vehicle or vessel; imposing certain maximum penalties for this offense; making this
6 Act applicable only to persons convicted of offenses after a certain date; and
7 generally relating to homicide by negligent driving of a motor vehicle or vessel.

8 BY adding to

9 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
10 Section 388C to be under the amended subheading "Manslaughter and
11 Negligence-Related Homicides"
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

17 Manslaughter AND NEGLIGENCE-RELATED HOMICIDES

18 388C.

19 (A) A PERSON WHO CAUSES THE DEATH OF ANOTHER AS THE RESULT OF THE
20 PERSON'S NEGLIGENT DRIVING, OPERATION, OR CONTROL OF A MOTOR VEHICLE
21 OR VESSEL IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR TO BE KNOWN AS "HOMICIDE BY
22 NEGLIGENT DRIVING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL".

23 (B) A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A
24 FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 180 DAYS OR BOTH.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act
26 shall be construed prospectively to apply only to persons who are convicted of offenses
27 that are committed after the effective date of this Act and may not be applied or
28 interpreted to have any effect on or application to persons who are convicted of offenses
29 that were committed before the effective date of this Act.

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1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1996.