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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Penalties for Traffic Signal Violations**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing certain penalties for individuals who fail to stop at certain
4 steady or flashing red traffic signals; and generally relating to penalties for violating
5 State vehicle laws.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Transportation
8 Section 16-402(a) and 27-101(g)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 27-101(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 16-402.

20 (a) After the conviction of an individual for a violation of Article 27, § 388 or §
21 388A of the Code, or of the vehicle laws or regulations of this State or of any local
22 authority, points shall be assessed against the individual as of the date of violation and as
23 follows:

24 (1) Any moving violation not listed below and not contributing to
25 an accident....
1 point

26 (2) Following another vehicle too closely....
2 points

27 (3) Speeding in excess of the posted speed limit by 10 miles an
28 hour or more....
2 points

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1 (4) Driving with an improper class of license....
2 points

2 (5) Failing to stop for a school vehicle with alternately flashing
3 lights....
2 points

4 (6) Any violation of § 21-1111 of this article
2 points

5 (7) Passing an emergency or police vehicle under the provisions of
6 § 21-405(d) of this article....
2 points

7 (8) FAILING TO STOP FOR A STEADY OR FLASHING RED
8 TRAFFIC SIGNAL.....
9 2 POINTS

10 [(8)] (9) Any moving violation contributing to an accident....
3 points

11 [(9)] (10) Driving after suspension of license under the provisions
12 of § 17-106, § 26-204, § 26-206, or § 27-103 of this article, or under the traffic
13 laws or regulations of another state as described in § 16-303(i) of this title..... 3 points

14 [(10)] (11) Any violation, except violations committed on the John F.
15 Kennedy Memorial Highway, of § 21-1411 of this article....
3 points

16 [(11)] (12) Reckless driving....
4 points

17 [(12)] (13) Speeding in excess of the posted speed limit by 30 miles
18 an hour or more....
5 points

19 [(13)] (14) Driving while not licensed....
5 points

20 [(14)] (15) Failure to report an accident....
5 points

21 [(15)] (16) Driving on a learner's permit unaccompanied....
5 points

22 [(16)] (17) Any violation of § 17-107 of this article....
5 points

23 [(17)] (18) Participating in a race or speed contest on a highway..... 5 points

24 [(18)] (19) Any violation of § 16-304 or § 16-305 of this title..... 5 points

25 [(19)] (20) Any violation of § 22-404.5 of this title....
5 points

26 [(20)] (21) Speeding in excess of a posted speed limit of 65 miles an
27 hour by 20 miles an hour or more....

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5 points

28 [(21)] (22) Driving while under the influence of alcohol or while
29 under influence of a drug, combination of drugs, or combination of drugs and
30 alcohol....

8 points

31 [(22)] (23) Turning off lights of a vehicle to avoid identification..... 8 points

32 [(23)] (24) Failing to stop after accident resulting in damage to
33 attended vehicle or property....

8 points

34 [(24)] (25) Failing to stop after accident resulting in damage to
35 unattended vehicle or property....

8 points

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1 [(25)] (26) Any violation of § 16-815 or § 16-816 of this title..... 8 points

2 [(26)] (27) Failing to stop after an accident resulting in bodily injury
3 or death....
12 points

4 [(27)] (28) Driving after refusal, suspension, cancellation, or
5 revocation of license except for suspensions of license under the provisions of §
6 17-106, § 26-204, § 26-206, or § 27-103 of this article, or under the traffic laws
7 or regulations of another state as described in § 16-303(i) of this title..... 12 points

8 [(28)] (29) Any violation of § 16-301, § 16-302, § 16-804, or §
9 16-808(1) through (9) of this title....
12 points

10 [(29)] (30) Homicide or assault committed by means of a vehicle..... 12 points

11 [(30)] (31) Driving while intoxicated or while under the influence of
12 illegally used controlled dangerous substance....
12 points

13 [(31)] (32) Any felony involving use of a vehicle....
12 points

14 [(32)] (33) Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer...
12 points

15 [(33)] (34) The making of a false affidavit or statement underoath,
16 or falsely certifying to the truth of any fact or information to the Administration
17 under the Maryland Vehicle Law or under any law relating to the ownership or
18 operation of motor vehicles....
12 points

19 27-101.

20 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a
21 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is
22 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

23 (g) Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of [§
24 13-704] THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS of this article is subject to a fine of not more than
25 \$1,000:

26 (1) § 13-704 ("FRAUD IN APPLICATION");

27 (2) § 21-202(H), (I), OR (J) ("TRAFFIC LIGHTS WITH STEADY INDICATION");
28 OR

29 (3) § 21-204(B), (C), OR (D) ("FLASHING SIGNALS").

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