
By: Senator Hoffman

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle - Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for knowingly and willfully taking a motor
4 vehicle out of the lawful custody, control, or use of the owner without the owner's
5 consent; and generally relating to crimes and the penalties for the unlawful taking of
6 a motor vehicle.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
9 Section 342A
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 342A.

16 (a) In this section, "owner" means any person who has a lawful interest in or is in
17 lawful possession of a motor vehicle by consent or chain of consent of the actual title
18 owner.

19 (b) A person, or the person's aiders or abettors, may not knowingly and willfully
20 take a motor vehicle out of the lawful custody, control, or use of the owner without the
21 owner's consent.

22 (c) A person who violates this section shall restore the motor vehicle so taken and
23 carried away, or, if unable to do so, shall pay to the owner the full value of the motor
24 vehicle.

25 (d) A person who violates this section is guilty of the felony of taking a motor
26 vehicle and on conviction is subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for
27 not more than [5] 15 years or both.

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