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**By: The Speaker (Administration) and Delegates Genn, Perry, Montague, Hutchins,
Workman, Rudolph, DeCarlo, Cadden, Proctor, and Morhaim**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 1997

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Reckless Homicide by Motor Vehicle**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the crime of reckless homicide by motor vehicle;
4 defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to
5 reckless homicide by motor vehicle.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Transportation
8 Section 21-901.1
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 27-101(r)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 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 21-901.1.

20 (a) (1) A person is guilty of reckless driving if he drives a motor vehicle:

21 [(1)] (I) In wanton or willful disregard for the safety of persons or property;

22 or

23 [(2)] (II) In a manner that indicates a wanton or willful disregard for the
24 safety of persons or property.

25 (2) A PERSON IS GUILTY OF RECKLESS HOMICIDE BY MOTOR VEHICLE

26 IF:

27 (I) THE PERSON DRIVES A MOTOR VEHICLE:

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1 1. IN WANTON OR WILLFUL DISREGARD FOR THE SAFETY
2 OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY; OR

3 2. IN A MANNER THAT INDICATES A WANTON OR WILLFUL
4 DISREGARD FOR THE SAFETY OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY; AND

5 (II) THE ACT RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON.

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

8 27-101.

9 (R) ANY PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF § 21-901.1(A)(2) OF
10 THIS ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT
11 FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS OR BOTH.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 1997.