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**By: Senator Jimeno**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles - Negligence - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor to cause the death of another person by the  
4 negligent operation of a motor vehicle; imposing a certain penalty; and generally  
5 relating to the penalties for negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

6 BY adding to

7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

8 Section 388D

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1996 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 388D.

15 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT CAUSE THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON BY THE  
16 NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

17 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
18 AND ON CONVICTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 OR A  
19 TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF NOT MORE THAN 6 MONTHS OR BOTH.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

21 October 1, 1997.