
By: Senators Haines, Jimeno, Ferguson, and Colburn

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Failure of Driver to Remain at Scene of Serious Accident - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the terms of imprisonment that may be imposed on a
4 driver convicted of a first or subsequent offense of leaving the scene of an accident
5 resulting in death or serious bodily injury; and generally relating to the penalties for
6 leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death or serious bodily injury.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 20-102
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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14 Section 27-101(o)
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17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 20-102.

21 (a) The driver of each vehicle involved in an accident that results in bodily injury
22 to or death of any person immediately shall stop the vehicle as close as possible to the
23 scene of the accident, without obstructing traffic more than necessary.

24 (b) The driver of each vehicle involved in an accident that results in bodily injury
25 to or death of any person immediately shall return to and remain at the scene of the
26 accident until he has complied with § 20-104 of this title.

27 27-101.

28 (o) Any person who is convicted of a violation of § 20-102 of this article ("Driver
29 to remain at scene -- Accidents resulting in bodily injury or death") is subject to:

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1 (1) For a first offense, a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for
2 not more than [1 year] 5 YEARS or both;

3 (2) For a second offense, a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for
4 not more than [2] 6 years or both; and

5 (3) For a third or subsequent offense, a fine of not more than \$3,000 or
6 imprisonment for not more than [3] 7 years or both.

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