
By: Senators Haines, Jimeno, Ferguson, and Colburn

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CHAPTER ____

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

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article - Transportation

10 Section 20-102

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article - Transportation

15 Section 27-101(o)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

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

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1 **Article - Transportation**

2 20-102.

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

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

9 27-101.

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

12 (1) For a first offense, a fine of not more than ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 or imprisonment
13 for not more than ~~{1 year} 5-YEARS~~ or both;

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

16 (3) For a third or subsequent offense, a fine of not more than ~~\$3,000~~ \$5,000
17 or imprisonment for not more than [3] ~~7~~ 4 years or both.

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