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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

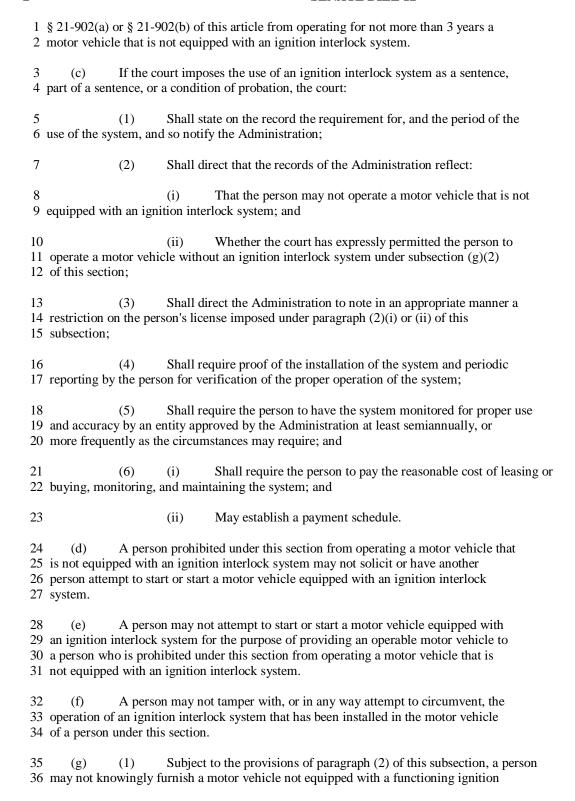
2 Motor Vehicles - Drunk Driving - Ignition Interlock System

- 3 FOR the purpose of making it mandatory for a court to prohibit a person from
- 4 operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock system
- 5 for a certain period if the person is convicted of or granted probation before
- 6 judgment for driving while intoxicated or while under the influence of alcohol;
- 7 and generally relating to motor vehicles and drunk driving.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article Transportation
- 10 Section 27-107
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
- 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 27-107.

- 17 (a) In this section "ignition interlock system" means a device that:
- 18 (1) Connects a motor vehicle ignition system to a breath analyzer that 19 measures a driver's blood alcohol level; and
- 20 (2) Prevents a motor vehicle ignition from starting if a driver's blood
- 21 alcohol level exceeds the calibrated setting on the device.
- 22 (b) In addition to any other penalties provided in this title for a violation of
- 23 any of the provisions of § 21-902(a) of this article ("Driving while intoxicated"), or §
- 24 21-902(b) of this article ("Driving while under the influence of alcohol"), or in addition
- 25 to any other condition of probation, a court [may] SHALL prohibit a person who is
- 26 convicted of, or granted probation under Article 27, § 641 of the Code for, a violation of



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- 1 interlock system to another person who the person knows is prohibited under
- 2 subsection (b) of this section from operating a motor vehicle not equipped with an
- 3 ignition interlock system.
- 4 (2) If a person is required, in the course of the person's employment, to
- 5 operate a motor vehicle owned or provided by the person's employer, the person may
- 6 operate that motor vehicle in the course of the person's employment without
- 7 installation of an ignition interlock system if the court has expressly permitted the
- 8 person to operate in the course of the person's employment a motor vehicle that is not
- 9 equipped with an ignition interlock system.
- 10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 11 October 1, 1998.