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By: **Senator Forehand**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Reckless Driving - Penalties and Points**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the penalties for an initial or subsequent conviction for
4 reckless driving; increasing the number of points that the Motor Vehicle
5 Administration is required to assess against an individual who is convicted of
6 reckless driving; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to increasing
7 the criminal penalties and points for a conviction for reckless driving.

8 BY repealing

9 Article - Transportation

10 Section 16-402(a)(12)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

13 BY renumbering

14 Article - Transportation

15 Section 16-402(a)(13) through (21), respectively

16 to be Section 16-402(a)(12) through (20), respectively

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

19 BY adding to

20 Article - Transportation

21 Section 16-402(a)(21)

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

25 Article - Transportation

26 Section 21-901.1(a) and 27-101(h)

27 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
3 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 16-402(a)(12) of Article - Transportation of the
4 Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 16-402(a)(13)
6 through (21), respectively, of Article - Transportation of the Annotated Code of
7 Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 16-402(a)(12) through (20), respectively.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
9 read as follows:

10 **Article - Transportation**

11 16-402.

12 (a) After the conviction of an individual for a violation of Article 27, § 388, §
13 388A, or § 388B of the Code, or of the vehicle laws or regulations of this State or of any
14 local authority, points shall be assessed against the individual as of the date of
15 violation and as follows:

16 (21) RECKLESS DRIVING 8 POINTS

17 21-901.1.

18 (a) A person is guilty of reckless driving if [he] THE PERSON drives a motor
19 vehicle:

20 (1) In wanton or willful disregard for the safety of persons or property; or

21 (2) In a manner that indicates a wanton or willful disregard for the
22 safety of persons or property.

23 27-101.

24 (h) Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of §
25 15-502(a) of this article ("License required"), § 16-303(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of
26 this article ("Driving while license is canceled, suspended, refused, or revoked"), §
27 17-107 of this article ("Prohibitions"), [or] § 17-110 of this article ("Providing false
28 evidence of required security"), OR § 21-901.1(A) OF THIS ARTICLE ("RECKLESS
29 DRIVING") is subject to:

30 (1) For a first offense, a fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment
31 for not more than 1 year, or both; and

32 (2) For any subsequent offense, a fine of not more than \$1,000, or
33 imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both.

1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect October 1, 1998.