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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Driving With Suspended License - Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the penalty for driving with a suspended license under  
4 certain circumstances; and generally relating to penalties under the Maryland  
5 Vehicle Law.

6 BY repealing

7 Article - Transportation

8 Section 27-101(c)(13) and (14)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 BY renumbering

12 Article - Transportation

13 Section 27-101(c)(15) through (26), respectively

14 to be Section 27-101(c)(13) through (24), respectively

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article - Transportation

19 Section 27-101(h)

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

23 Article - Transportation

24 Section 17-106(a), 26-204(a) and (e), 26-206, and 27-103

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 27-101(c)(13) and (14) of Article - Transportation of the  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 27-101(c)(15)  
5 through (26), respectively, of Article - Transportation of the Annotated Code of  
6 Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 27-101(c)(13) through (24), respectively.

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

9 **Article - Transportation**

10 17-106.

11 (a) If the required security for any vehicle terminates or otherwise lapses at  
12 any time, the registration of that vehicle:

13 (1) Is suspended automatically as of the date of termination or lapse; and

14 (2) Remains suspended until:

15 (i) The required security is replaced and the vehicle owner submits  
16 evidence of replaced security on a form as prescribed by the Administration and  
17 certified by an insurer or agent; and

18 (ii) Any uninsured motorist penalty fee assessed is paid to the  
19 Administration.

20 26-204.

21 (a) A person shall comply with the notice to appear contained:

22 (1) In a traffic citation issued to the person under this subtitle; or

23 (2) In a summons, other writ, or a trial notice issued by either the  
24 District Court or a circuit court in an action on a traffic citation.

25 (e) If a person fails to pay the fine or post the bond or penalty deposit under  
26 subsection (d) of this section, the Administration may suspend the driving privileges  
27 of the person.

28 26-206.

29 (a) If a person fails to comply with a notice to appear in U.S. District Court  
30 contained in a traffic citation issued to him under federal traffic laws or regulations  
31 for a violation occurring in Maryland, the U.S. District Court may notify the  
32 Administration of the noncompliance.

1 (b) On receipt of a notice of noncompliance from the U.S. District Court, and  
2 after giving the person 10 days' written notice, the Administration may suspend the  
3 driving privileges of the person.

4 (c) With the cooperation of the U.S. District Court, the Administration shall  
5 develop procedures to carry out the provisions of this section that relate to the  
6 suspension of driving privileges.

7 27-101.

8 (h) Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of §  
9 15-502(a) of this article ("License required"), § 16-303[(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g)]  
10 of this article ("Driving while license is canceled, suspended, refused, or revoked"), §  
11 17-107 of this article ("Prohibitions"), or § 17-110 of this article ("Providing false  
12 evidence of required security") is subject to:

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

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

17 27-103.

18 (a) If a person fined under the Maryland Vehicle Law or under any federal  
19 traffic law or regulation for a violation occurring in Maryland does not pay the fine in  
20 accordance with the court's directive:

21 (1) The court may so certify to the Administration; and

22 (2) On such certification, after giving the person 10 days advance  
23 written notice, the Administration may suspend the driving privileges or license of  
24 the person until the fine has been paid.

25 (b) With the cooperation of the District Court and the U. S. District Court, the  
26 Administration shall develop procedures to carry out the provisions of this section.

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