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By: **Senator Jimeno**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Recording of PBJs - Select Offenses**

3 FOR the purpose of broadening the circumstances under which the Motor Vehicle
4 Administration is required to maintain certain records pertaining to probation
5 before judgment (PBJ) dispositions for offenses under the Maryland Vehicle Law
6 to include any offenses punishable by a period of incarceration; making stylistic
7 changes; and generally relating to records of PBJs.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 16-117
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 16-117.

17 (a) The Administration shall keep a record of:

18 (1) Each driver's license application that it receives;

19 (2) Each driver's license that it issues; and

20 (3) Each licensee whose license to drive the Administration has
21 suspended or revoked, and the reasons for the action.

22 (b) (1) The Administration shall file each accident report and abstract of
23 court disposition records that it receives under the laws of this State.

24 (2) The Administration shall keep convenient records or make suitable
25 notations showing the convictions or traffic accidents in which each licensee has been
26 involved and every probation before judgment disposition of any violation [of §

1 21-902] of this article FOR WHICH A PERIOD OF INCARCERATION MAY BE IMPOSED.
2 A record or notation of a probation before judgment disposition, or a first offense of
3 driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.10 or more under § 16-205.1 of this article,
4 shall be segregated by the Administration and shall be available only to the
5 Administration, the courts, criminal justice agencies, and the defendant or [his] THE
6 DEFENDANT'S attorney. However, a record or notation of a probation before judgment,
7 or a first offense of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.10 or more under §
8 16-205.1 of this article, may not be received or considered by the courts until a plea of
9 guilty or nolo contendere is made by the defendant or a finding of guilty is made by
10 the court.

11 (3) These records or notations shall be made so that they are readily
12 available for consideration by the Administration of any license renewal application
13 and at any other suitable time.

14 (4) Accident reports and abstracts of court convictions pertaining to
15 driving an emergency vehicle, if received by a person who was driving an emergency
16 vehicle pursuant to the provisions of § 21-106 of this article, shall be segregated by
17 the Administration and shall be available only to the Administration.

18 (5) Except as provided in this section, an employee of the Administration
19 may not disclose any records or information regarding probation before judgment, or
20 a first offense of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.10 or more under §
21 16-205.1 of this article.

22 (c) If a charge of a Maryland Vehicle Law violation against any individual is
23 dismissed by a court of competent jurisdiction, a record of the charge and dismissal
24 may not be included in [his] THE INDIVIDUAL'S driving record.

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