
By: **Delegate Arnick**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Telephone Use - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain individuals from using a telephone in certain
4 motor vehicles; providing a penalty for the use of a telephone by certain
5 individuals in certain motor vehicles; and generally relating to telephone use in
6 motor vehicles.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 21-1123
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 11-115 and 27-101(a) and (b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 11-115.

21 "Driver" means any individual who drives a vehicle.

22 21-1123.

23 A DRIVER MAY NOT OPERATE A TELEPHONE IN A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS IN
24 MOTION.

1 27-101.

2 (a) It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of the
3 Maryland Vehicle Law unless the violation:

4 (1) Is declared to be a felony by the Maryland Vehicle Law or by any
5 other law of this State; or

6 (2) Is punishable by a civil penalty under the applicable provision of the
7 Maryland Vehicle Law.

8 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a
9 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is
10 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 1999.