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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Evidence - Negligence - Forfeiture of Collateral and Guilty Verdicts**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing a forfeiture of collateral or a guilty verdict in certain
4 cases charging traffic violations to be admitted as evidence of negligence in a
5 personal injury or wrongful death case arising out of a vehicle accident in which
6 the traffic violation was charged; providing for the application of this Act; and
7 generally relating to evidence admissible in motor vehicle accident cases.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 10-312
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 10-312.

17 IN A PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH SUIT ARISING OUT OF A
18 VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN WHICH A VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW OR OF
19 ARTICLE 27, § 388, § 388A, OR § 388B OF THE CODE WAS CHARGED, A FORFEITURE OF
20 COLLATERAL OR A GUILTY VERDICT ON THE CHARGE IS ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE
21 OF NEGLIGENCE.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
23 construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect
24 on or application to any cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 1999.