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By: **Senator Jimeno**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Vehicle Laws - Driving While License Canceled, Suspended, Refused, or**  
3                                   **Revoked - Penalties**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the penalty that may be imposed against a person for  
5 driving a motor vehicle while the person's license or privilege to drive is refused,  
6 suspended, canceled, or revoked; and generally relating to penalties under the  
7 Maryland Vehicle Law.

8 BY repealing  
9 Article - Transportation  
10 Section 27-101(c)(13) and (14)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

13 BY renumbering  
14 Article - Transportation  
15 Section 27-101(c)(15) through (26), respectively  
16 to be Section 27-101(c)(13) through (24), respectively  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
20 Article - Transportation  
21 Section 16-303  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
25 Article - Transportation  
26 Section 27-101(h)  
27 Annotated Code of Maryland  
28 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

1 BY adding to  
2 Article - Transportation  
3 Section 27-101(s)  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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8 Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

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

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

14 **Article - Transportation**

15 16-303.

16 (a) A person may not drive a motor vehicle on any highway or on any property  
17 specified in § 21-101.1 of this article while his license or privilege to drive is refused  
18 in this State or any other state.

19 (b) A person may not drive a motor vehicle on any highway or on any property  
20 specified in § 21-101.1 of this article while the person's license or privilege to drive is  
21 canceled in this State.

22 (c) A person may not drive a motor vehicle on any highway or on any property  
23 specified in § 21-101.1 of this article while the person's license or privilege to drive is  
24 suspended in this State.

25 (d) A person may not drive a motor vehicle on any highway or on any property  
26 specified in § 21-101.1 of this article while the person's license or privilege to drive is  
27 revoked in this State.

28 (e) A person may not drive a motor vehicle on any highway or on any property  
29 specified in § 21-101.1 of this article while the person's license issued by any other  
30 state is canceled.

31 (f) A person may not drive a motor vehicle on any highway or on any property  
32 specified in § 21-101.1 of this article while the person's license issued by any other  
33 state is suspended.

34 (g) A person may not drive a motor vehicle on any highway or on any property  
35 specified in § 21-101.1 of this article while the person's license issued by any other  
36 state is revoked.

1 (h) A person may not drive a motor vehicle on any highway or on any property  
2 specified in § 21-101.1 of this article while his license or privilege to drive is  
3 suspended under § 17-106, § 26-204, § 26-206, or § 27-103 of this article.

4 (i) (1) This subsection applies only to a person whose license or privilege to  
5 drive is suspended under the traffic laws or regulations of another state for:

6 (i) Failure to comply with a notice to appear in a court of that state  
7 contained in a traffic citation issued to the person; or

8 (ii) Failure to pay a fine for a violation of any traffic laws or  
9 regulations of that state.

10 (2) A person may not drive a motor vehicle on any highway or on any  
11 property specified in § 21-101.1 of this article while the person's license or privilege to  
12 drive is suspended under the traffic laws or regulations of any other state as  
13 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

14 (j) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, any individual  
15 who violates a provision of this section shall be assessed the points as provided for in  
16 § 16-402(a)(28) of this title.

17 (2) Any individual who violates a provision of subsection (h) or  
18 subsection (i) of this section shall be assessed the points as provided for in §  
19 16-402(a)(10) of this title.

20 27-101.

21 (h) Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of §  
22 15-502(a) of this article ("License required"), [§ 16-303(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of  
23 this article ("Driving while license is canceled, suspended, refused, or revoked"),] §  
24 17-107 of this article ("Prohibitions"), or § 17-110 of this article ("Providing false  
25 evidence of required security") is subject to:

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

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

30 (S) ANY PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE  
31 PROVISIONS OF § 16-303 OF THIS ARTICLE ("DRIVING WHILE LICENSE IS CANCELED,  
32 SUSPENDED, REFUSED, OR REVOKED") IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN  
33 \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS OR BOTH.

34 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
35 October 1, 1999.