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By: **Delegate Arnick**
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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Use of Hand-Held Telephone While Driving - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion from
4 using a telephone that is held by the driver; and providing a penalty for the use
5 of a telephone under prohibited circumstances.

6 BY adding to
7 Article - Transportation
8 Section 21-1123
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 27-101(a) and (b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 21-1123.

20 A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS IN MOTION MAY NOT OPERATE A
21 TELEPHONE THAT IS HELD BY THE DRIVER WHILE IN USE.

22 27-101.

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

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

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

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

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2000.