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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (Departmental -
Transportation)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Young Drivers - Alcohol Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law that requires the Motor Vehicle
4 Administration to impose a certain alcohol restriction on a driver's license of
5 each licensee under the age of 21 years to restrict the licensee from driving or
6 attempting to drive a motor vehicle while having alcohol in the licensee's blood;
7 and generally relating to restricted licenses for drivers under the age of 21
8 years.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 16-113(b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Transportation**

17 16-113.

18 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the licensee's driving record, the Administration
19 shall impose on each licensee under the age of 21 years an alcohol restriction that
20 prohibits the licensee from driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle [with an

1 alcohol concentration of 0.02 or more as determined by an analysis of the licensee's
2 blood or breath] WHILE HAVING ALCOHOL IN THE LICENSEE'S BLOOD.

3 (2) An alcohol restriction imposed under this subsection expires when
4 the licensee reaches the age of 21 years.

5 (3) This subsection may not be construed or applied to limit:

6 (i) The authority of the Administration to impose on a licensee an
7 alcohol restriction described in subsection (a)(2) of this section; or

8 (ii) The application of any other provision of law that prohibits
9 consumption of an alcoholic beverage by an individual under the age of 21 years.

10 (4) An individual under the age of 21 years who is convicted of a violation
11 of § 21-902(a), (b), or (c) of this article may be required, for a period of not more than
12 3 years, to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program in order to retain the
13 individual's driver's license.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2001.