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CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving - Repeat Offenders

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend for a
- 4 certain period of the license of a person convicted of certain repeat alcohol or
- 5 drug related driving offenses of driving while intoxicated or intoxicated
- 6 per se within a certain period; altering the penalties for a person convicted of
- 7 repeated offenses of driving while intoxicated and driving under the influence of
- 8 alcohol, drugs, or a combination of alcohol and drugs under certain
- 9 circumstances; requiring the use of an ignition interlock system under certain
- 10 circumstances; altering the period of certain license suspensions imposed under
- 11 certain circumstances; altering the time period for filing a reinstatement
- 12 application for a driver's license or privilege to drive under certain
- 13 circumstances; making conforming changes; and generally relating to penalties
- 14 for drunk driving repeat offenders requiring the Administration to return a
- suspended license to a certain individual subject to the maintenance of an
- ignition interlock system for a certain period on certain vehicles owned by the
- 17 <u>individual; authorizing the Administration to place a certain restriction on a</u>
- 18 certain license for a certain period that prohibits driving of a certain vehicle that
- is not equipped with an ignition interlock system under certain circumstances;
- 20 prohibiting the cancellation or modification of a certain license suspension that
- 21 would adversely affect the employment of a licensee under certain
- 22 circumstances; increasing certain minimum mandatory penalties for subsequent
- 23 offenses of driving while intoxicated or intoxicated per se under certain
- 24 circumstances; requiring a subsequent offender of certain offenses to receive an
- assessment of the offender's degree of abuse of alcohol and to receive
- appropriate treatment under certain circumstances; and generally relating to

1 2	penalties for repeat or subsequent offenses of driving while intoxicated or intoxicated per se.
3 4 5 6 7 8	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Transportation Section 16-205 Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement) (As enacted by Chapter 666 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)
9 10 11 12 13	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Transportation Section 16 205(d) and (e), 16 208(b), 16 404, 16 405, 16-405 and 27-101(j) Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
14 15	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
16	Article - Transportation
17	16-205.
20 21 22 23	(d) The Administration [may] SHALL suspend for [not more than 120 days] ONE YEAR the license of any person who, within a [3 year] 5 YEAR period, is convicted under § 21-902(b) or (c) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or while so far under the influence of any drug, any combination of drugs, or a combination of one or more drugs and alcohol that the person cannot drive a motor vehicle safely and who was previously convicted of a violation under:
25 26	(1) § 21-902(a) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while intoxicated or while intoxicated per se;
27 28	(2) § 21-902(b) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol;
31	(3) § 21-902(e) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while so far under the influence of any drug, any combination of drugs, or a combination of one or more drugs and alcohol that the person cannot drive a motor vehicle safely; or
33 34	(4) § 21-902(d) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance.
35 36 37	(e) [When] SUBJECT TO § 16-404 (C)(5) OF THIS TITLE, WHEN a suspension imposed under subsections (e) and (d) of this section expires, the Administration immediately shall return the license or reinstate the privilege of the driver, unless the

	license or privilege has been retused, revoked, suspended, or canceled under any other provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law.
3	16-208.
4	(b) (1) Any individual whose license or privilege to drive has been revoked
5	may apply for reinstatement of the individual's license or privilege as provided in this
6	subsection.
7	(2) (i) If it is the individual's first revocation, the individual may file a
	reinstatement application at any time after the day the revoked license is
	surrendered to and received by the Administration or, in the case of an individual who
10	does not have a license issued under this title, after the effective date of the
11	revocation.
12	(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (6) of this subsection, on
	receipt of the application, the Administration may reinstate the license or privilege 6
	months after the revoked license is received by the Administration or, in the case of
15	an individual who does not have a license issued under this title, 6 months after the
16	effective date of revocation.
17	(3) (i) [If] NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
18	IF it is the individual's second revocation, OR, IF THE REVOCATION IS DUE TO AN
19	ACCUMULATION OF POINTS RESULTING FROM A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT
20	CONVICTION UNDER § 21 902 OF THIS ARTICLE WITHIN A 5 YEAR PERIOD, the
21	individual may file a reinstatement application at any time after 1 year from the day
	the revoked license is surrendered to and received by the Administration or, in the
23	ease of an individual who does not have a license issued under this title, after 1 year
24	from the effective date of revocation.
25	(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (6) of this subsection, on
26	receipt of the application, the Administration may reinstate the license or privilege.
27	(4) (i) If it is the individual's third revocation, the individual may file
	a reinstatement application at any time after 18 months from the day the revoked
	license is surrendered to and received by the Administration or, in the case of an
	individual who does not have a license issued under this title, after 18 months from
	the effective date of revocation.
32	(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (6) of this subsection, on
	receipt of the application, the Administration may reinstate the license or privilege.
34	(5) (i) If it is the individual's fourth or subsequent revocation, the
35	individual may file a reinstatement application at any time after 2 years from the day
	the revoked license is surrendered to and received by the Administration or, in the
	case of an individual who does not have a license issued under this title, after 2 years
	from the effective date of revocation.
39	(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (6) of this subsection, on
	receipt of the application, the Administration may reinstate the license or privilege.
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1	(6) (i)		Iministration may not reinstate a license or privilege to
			se or privilege has been refused, revoked,
3	suspended, or canceled under	any otne	r provision of the Maryland Vehicle Law.
4	. (ii)	1.	In this subparagraph, "alcohol related or drug related
	driving incident" means a:	1.	in this subparagraph, are only related of drug related
٥	diving mercent means a		
6	i	A.	Conviction or probation before judgment for a violation of
7	§ 21 902(a), (b), (c), or (d) of	this artic	ele or a substantially similar law of another
	jurisdiction;		·
9		B.	Refusal to submit to a test under § 16 205.1 of this title or
10) a substantially similar law of	another	jurisdiction; or
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11		C.	Test result that indicates an alcohol concentration of 0.10
		s under §	16-205.1 of this title or a substantially similar
13	3 law of another jurisdiction.		
14	1	2.	Alcohol-related or drug-related driving incidents
			out of the same circumstances may not be
			drug related driving incidents for the purpose
	7 of this subparagraph.	refuted of	and related arrying incidents for the purpose
1,	or this subparagraph.		
18	3	3.	Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) through (5) of this
19	9 subsection, the Administration	on may re	vinstate a license or privilege to drive only if,
20	O after an investigation of an in	ndividual '	's habits and driving ability, the Administration
21	l is satisfied it will be safe to 1	cinstate t	he license or privilege of an individual who has
22	2 been:		
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23		A.	Involved in any combination of three or more separate
24	4 alcohol-related or drug-related	ed driving	y incidents;
25		B.	Involved in a vehicular accident resulting in the death of
_	5 another person; or	15.	involved in a venteural accident resulting in the death of
20	another person, or		
27	7	C.	Convicted of a violation for failing to stop after a vehicular
	8 accident resulting in bodily i		C 1
		55	
29	9 (7) IF TH	E REVO	CATION IS DUE TO A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT
30	CONVICTION UNDER § 2	1-902 OF	THIS ARTICLE WITHIN A 5-YEAR PERIOD,
			NDITIONED ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S MAINTENANCE OF
32	2 AN IGNITION INTERLOC	K SYSTI	EM FOR NOT LESS THAN 12 MONTHS ON ALL VEHICLES
33	3 OWNED OR OPERATED I	BY THE I	INDIVIDUAL.
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34	` '		wise provided in this title, before issuing a new
			ere the applicant to submit to the examinations
36	that it considers appropriate.		

1	16 404.			
2 3	(a) within any 2			on shall take the following actions for points accumulated
4		(1)	Send a v	varning letter to each individual who accumulates 3 points;
7		the Adn	except th	attendance at a conference by each individual who nat a Class A, B, or C licensee who submits evidence on that he is a professional driver may not be called in and
9		(3)	Except a	as provided in § 16-405 of this subtitle:
10 11	points; and		(i)	Suspend the license of each individual who accumulates 8
12 13	points.		(ii)	Revoke the license of each individual who accumulates 12
14	(b)	(1)	Except a	as provided in § 16-405 of this subtitle:
15 16	issue a notic	e of susp	(i) ension; a	If an individual accumulates 8 points, the Administration shall nd
17 18	issue a notic	ee of revo	(ii) cation.	If an individual accumulates 12 points, the Administration shall
19		(2)	Each no	tice shall:
20 21	requested, b	earing a	(i) postmark	Be personally served or sent by certified mail, return receipt from the United States Postal Service;
22			(ii)	State the duration of the suspension or revocation; and
			•	Advise the individual of his right, within 10 days after the lays, and legal holidays excepted), to file a written e Administrator.
26 27	is effective a	(3) at the end		hearing is requested, each notice of suspension or revocation day period after the notice is sent.
28 29	(e) subsection:	(1)	Except &	as provided in paragraphs (2) [and], (3), AND (4) of this
30 31	than 30 days	s; and	(i)	An initial suspension may not be for less than 2 days nor more
32 33	nor more the	an 90 day	(ii) 's.	Any subsequent suspension may not be for less than 15 days

3	under § 16 402(a)(23)	periods n) of this s	nay appl ubtitle fo	ovisions of paragraph [(3)] (4) of this subsection, the y to a suspension for an accumulation of points or a violation of § 21–902(b) or (c) of this article 4.1(b)(4)(iii) of this subtitle:
5		(i)	For a fi	rst conviction, not more than 6 months; AND
6 7	first conviction, not n	(ii) nore than		econd conviction at least 5 years after the date of the $s[;]$.
10	SUBTITLE FOR A (AN ACC	UMULA TION U	NG SUSPENSION PERIODS SHALL APPLY TO A TION OF POINTS UNDER § 16 402(A)(23) OF THIS NDER § 21 902(B) OR (C) OF THIS ARTICLE OR A 16-404.1(B)(4)(III) OF THIS SUBTITLE:
		_	21 902	For a second conviction less than 5 years after the date of OF THIS ARTICLE or for a third conviction UNDER ore than] 12 months; and
15 16	THIS ARTICLE, not			For a fourth or subsequent conviction UNDER § 21–902 OF MONTHS NOR more than 24 months.
			ler § 16	vidual who participates in the Administration's Ignition 404.1 of this subtitle may have a suspension reduced to:
20 21	maintains the ignition			rst conviction, up to 15 days, provided the individual for not more than 5 months; OR
	first conviction, up to interlock system for i		provide	econd conviction at least 5 years after the date of the date of the date individual maintains the ignition conths[;].
		· a third c	on victio	n, up to 45 days, provided the individual for not more than 12 months; and
28 29	individual maintains	(iv) the ignition		ourth or subsequent conviction, 6 months, provided the ock system for not more than 24 months.
30 31	(4) issue a restrictive lice			does not limit the authority of the Administration to suspension imposed under this subsection[;].
34 35 36	SUBSEQUENT CONTINUED CONVICTION UNDER CONVICTION UNDER CONTINUE CO	NVICTIO DER § 21- GE SHAI NTERLO	ON LESS 1902 OF LL BE C OCK SYS	OR REVOCATION IS DUE TO A SECOND OR STHAN 5 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST THIS ARTICLE, RESTORATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S CONDITIONED ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S MAINTENANCE STEM FOR NOT LESS THAN 12 MONTHS ON ALL DO BY THE INDIVIDUAL.

1	16 405.			
2	(a)	Except :	as provid	ed in § 16 205.1 of this title AND SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
3	SECTION. i			r revocation of a license would affect adversely the
				r employment of a licensee, the hearing officer may:
·	emproyment	or oppor	-	
5		(1)	Decline	to order the suspension or revocation; or
6		(2)	Cancel	or modify the suspension or revocation.
7	(b)	SUBSE	CTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A SUSPENSION OR
	(- /			404 OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT
				902 OF THIS ARTICLE WITHIN A 5 YEAR PERIOD.
	CONVICTA	OIT OITD	Lit § 21	702 OF THIS THEFICEL WITHIN TO TEMPORE.
10	(C)	For pur	poses of §	§ 16 404 of this subtitle, if a licensee is required to drive a
11	motor vehic		•	his regular employment:
12		(1)	Suspens	sion requires 16 points; and
13		(2)	Revocat	tion requires 19 points.
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14	L(/3	` /		visions of subsection [(b)] (C) of this section do not apply to an
				mulation of points includes points resulting from a
16	conviction f	or a viola	ation of §	21 902 of this article.
17	27-101.			
18	(i)	(1)	In this s	ubsection, "imprisonment" includes confinement in an
	•			tment center.
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20		(2)	A perso	n who is convicted of a SECOND violation of § 21-902[(a)] of
	this article v			after a prior conviction under that [subsection]
				datory minimum penalty of:
	220110111	ssucject		uniony minimum pointry on
23			(i)	Imprisonment for not less than [48] 120 [consecutive] hours; or
24			(ii)	Community carries for not loss than 190 hours 120 DAVE AS A
	MANDATIC		(ii)	Community service for not less than [80 hours] 30 DAYS AS A
			NDITION	NOF PROBATION OR A SUSPENDED SENTENCE OF NOT LESS
26	THAN 5 DA	AYS.		
27		(3)	V DED	SON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT
	OFFERICE			OF THIS ARTICLE WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER A PRIOR
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				FENSE UNDER THAT SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A MANDATORY
30	MINIMUM	<u>PENAL'</u>	i Y OF:	
31			(I)	IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN 10 DAYS: OR
J1			(*)	III I DITTO, OR
32			(II)	COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR NOT LESS THAN 60 DAYS AS A
33	MANDATO	ORY CO	, ,	NOF PROBATION OR A SUSPENDED SENTENCE OF NOT LESS
34	THAN 10 E	AYS.		

	(4) A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE UNDER § 21-902 OF THIS ARTICLE WITHIN 5 YEARS OF A PRIOR CONVICTION OF ANY OFFENSE UNDER THAT SECTION SHALL BE REQUIRED BY THE COURT TO:
4 5	(I) UNDERGO A COMPREHENSIVE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT; AND
	(II) IF RECOMMENDED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ASSESSMENT, PARTICIPATE IN A DRUG OR ALCOHOL PROGRAM CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.
9 10	(5) The penalties provided by this subsection are mandatory and are not subject to suspension or probation BEFORE JUDGEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 641.
11	<u>16-205.</u>
12	(a) The Administration may revoke the license of any person who:
	(1) Is convicted under § 21-902(a) or (d) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while intoxicated, while intoxicated per se, or while under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance; or
18 19 20	(2) Within a 3-year period, is convicted under § 21-902(b) or (c) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or while so far under the influence of any drug, any combination of drugs, or a combination of one or more drugs and alcohol that the person cannot drive a vehicle safely and who was previously convicted of any combination of two or more violations under:
22 23	(i) § 21-902(a) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while intoxicated or while intoxicated per se;
24 25	(ii) § 21-902(b) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol;
28	(iii) § 21-902(c) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while so far under the influence of any drug, any combination of drugs, or a combination of one or more drugs and alcohol that the person cannot drive a vehicle safely; or
30 31	(iv) § 21-902(d) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance.
32	(b) The Administration:
	(1) Shall revoke the license of any person who has been convicted, under Article 27, § 388A of the Code, of homicide by a motor vehicle while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a controlled dangerous substance; and

1 May not issue a temporary license to drive for any person whose (2) 2 license has been revoked under item (1) of this subsection during an administrative 3 appeal of the revocation. THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUSPEND FOR 12 MONTHS THE LICENSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF § 21-902(A) OF THIS ARTICLE 6 MORE THAN ONCE WITHIN A 5-YEAR PERIOD. 7 The Administration may suspend for not more than 60 days the 8 license of any person who is convicted under § 21-902(b) or (c) of this article of driving 9 or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or while so 10 far under the influence of any drug, any combination of drugs, or a combination of one 11 or more drugs and alcohol that the person cannot drive a vehicle safely. 12 [(d)]The Administration may suspend for not more than 120 days the 13 license of any person who, within a 3-year period, is convicted under § 21-902(b) or 14 (c) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while under the 15 influence of alcohol or while so far under the influence of any drug, any combination 16 of drugs, or a combination of one or more drugs and alcohol that the person cannot 17 drive a motor vehicle safely and who was previously convicted of a violation under: 18 § 21-902(a) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor 19 vehicle while intoxicated or while intoxicated per se; 20 § 21-902(b) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor (2) 21 vehicle while under the influence of alcohol; 22 § 21-902(c) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor 23 vehicle while so far under the influence of any drug, any combination of drugs, or a 24 combination of one or more drugs and alcohol that the person cannot drive a motor 25 vehicle safely; or 26 § 21-902(d) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor 27 vehicle while under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance. 28 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS [(e)] (F) (1) (I) 29 PARAGRAPH, WHEN A SUSPENSION IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS 30 SECTION EXPIRES, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL IMMEDIATELY RETURN THE 31 <u>LICENSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S MAINTENANCE OF AN</u> 32 <u>IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM FOR NOT LESS THAN 12 MONTHS ON EACH VEHICLE</u> 33 OWNED BY THE PERSON. IF MAINTENANCE OF AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM ON A 34 35 VEHICLE AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH CREATES A 36 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ON THE INDIVIDUAL OR THE FAMILY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AS 37 DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY PLACE A 38 RESTRICTION ON THE LICENSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL FOR NOT LESS THAN 12 MONTHS 39 THAT PROHIBITS THE INDIVIDUAL FROM DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS NOT 40 EQUIPPED WITH AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM.

3 4	reinstate the	privilege	s, the Adr of the dr	suspension imposed under subsections [(c)] (D) and [(d)] (E) ministration immediately shall return the license or viver, unless the license or privilege has been refused, and under any other provisions of the Maryland Vehicle
6	<u>16-405.</u>			
9		in § 16-20 adversel	05.1 of the y the em	USPENSION UNDER § 16-205(C) OF THIS TITLE AND EXCEPT is title, if the suspension or revocation of a license ployment or opportunity for employment of a licensee,
11		<u>(1)</u>	Decline	to order the suspension or revocation; or
12		<u>(2)</u>	Cancel o	or modify the suspension or revocation.
13 14	 /			16-404 of this subtitle, if a licensee is required to drive a his regular employment:
15		<u>(1)</u>	Suspens	ion requires 16 points; and
16		<u>(2)</u>	Revocat	ion requires 19 points.
		nt accum	ulation o	f subsection (b) of this section do not apply to an individual f points includes points resulting from a conviction for a rticle.
20	<u>27-101.</u>			
21	<u>(j)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	In this s	ubsection, "imprisonment" includes confinement in [an]:
22			<u>(I)</u>	AN inpatient rehabilitation or treatment center; OR
23			<u>(II)</u>	HOME DETENTION THAT INCLUDES ELECTRONIC MONITORING.
		•	er a prior	n who is convicted of a violation of § 21-902(a) of this article conviction under that subsection is subject to a of:
27 28	<u>or</u>		<u>(i)</u>	Imprisonment for not less than [48 consecutive hours] 5 DAYS;
29			<u>(ii)</u>	Community service for not less than [80 hours] 30 DAYS.
32	VIOLATIO	ON UND	21-902(A	SON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OF THIS ARTICLE WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER A PRIOR OF SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO A MANDATORY MINIMUM
34			<u>(I)</u>	IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN 10 DAYS; OR

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1	(II) COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR NOT LESS THAN 60 DAYS.
_	(4) A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF § 21-902(A) OF THIS ARTICLE WITHIN 5 YEARS OF A PRIOR CONVICTION UNDER THAT SUBSECTION SHALL:
5 6	(I) RECEIVE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PERSON'S DEGREE OF ABUSE OF ALCOHOL; AND
7 8	(II) IF RECOMMENDED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ASSESSMENT, RECEIVE APPROPRIATE ALCOHOL TREATMENT.
9 10	(5) The penalties provided by this subsection are mandatory and are not subject to suspension or probation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect