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By: **Senators Jimeno, Colburn, DeGrange, Dorman, Green, Haines, and Ruben**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Suspension of Driver's License - Theft of Motor Fuel**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing for a first offense, and requiring for a second or
4 subsequent offense, the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend, for a certain
5 period of time, the driver's license of a person who is convicted of a theft offense
6 involving the failure to pay for motor fuel after the motor fuel was dispensed
7 into a vehicle; requiring a court to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of
8 certain violations involving the theft of motor fuel; requiring a court to notify a
9 person who is convicted of a certain theft offense that the person's driver's
10 license may be suspended; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court and
11 the Administrative Office of the Courts, in conjunction with the Motor Vehicle
12 Administration, to establish certain procedures; and generally relating to the
13 suspension of the driver's license of a person who is convicted of a theft offense
14 involving the failure to pay for motor fuel after the motor fuel was dispensed
15 into a vehicle.

16 BY renumbering

17 Article - Criminal Law
18 Section 7-104(h)
19 to be Section 7-104(i)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
22 2002)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

24 Article - Criminal Law
25 Section 7-104(a) and (b)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
28 2002)

29 BY adding to

30 Article - Criminal Law

1 Section 7-104(h)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
4 2002)

5 BY adding to
6 Article - Transportation
7 Section 16-206.1
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 7-104(h) of Article - Criminal Law of the Annotated
12 Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General
13 Assembly of 2002) be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-104(i).

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
15 read as follows:

16 **Article - Criminal Law**

17 7-104.

18 (a) A person may not willfully or knowingly obtain or exert unauthorized
19 control over property, if the person:

20 (1) intends to deprive the owner of the property;

21 (2) willfully or knowingly uses, conceals, or abandons the property in a
22 manner that deprives the owner of the property; or

23 (3) uses, conceals, or abandons the property knowing the use,
24 concealment, or abandonment probably will deprive the owner of the property.

25 (b) A person may not obtain control over property by willfully or knowingly
26 using deception, if the person:

27 (1) intends to deprive the owner of the property;

28 (2) willfully or knowingly uses, conceals, or abandons the property in a
29 manner that deprives the owner of the property; or

30 (3) uses, conceals, or abandons the property knowing the use,
31 concealment, or abandonment probably will deprive the owner of the property.

32 (H) (1) IF A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF A CODE VIOLATION UNDER THIS
33 SECTION FOR FAILURE TO PAY FOR MOTOR FUEL AFTER THE MOTOR FUEL WAS
34 DISPENSED INTO A VEHICLE, THE COURT SHALL:

1 (I) NOTIFY THE PERSON THAT THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE
2 MAY BE SUSPENDED UNDER § 16-206.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND

3 (II) NOTIFY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
4 VIOLATION.

5 (2) THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT AND THE
6 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MOTOR
7 VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION, SHALL ESTABLISH UNIFORM PROCEDURES FOR
8 REPORTING A VIOLATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

9 **Article - Transportation**

10 16-206.1.

11 ON RECEIPT OF NOTICE DESCRIBED UNDER § 7-104(H) OF THE CRIMINAL LAW
12 ARTICLE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED IN THE STATE HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A
13 CODE VIOLATION UNDER § 7-104(H) OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE THAT INVOLVED
14 A FAILURE TO PAY FOR MOTOR FUEL AFTER THE MOTOR FUEL WAS DISPENSED INTO
15 A VEHICLE, THE ADMINISTRATION:

16 (1) MAY SUSPEND THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE FOR A FIRST VIOLATION
17 FOR UP TO 30 DAYS; AND

18 (2) SHALL SUSPEND THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE FOR A SECOND OR
19 SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION FOR 30 DAYS.

20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2002.