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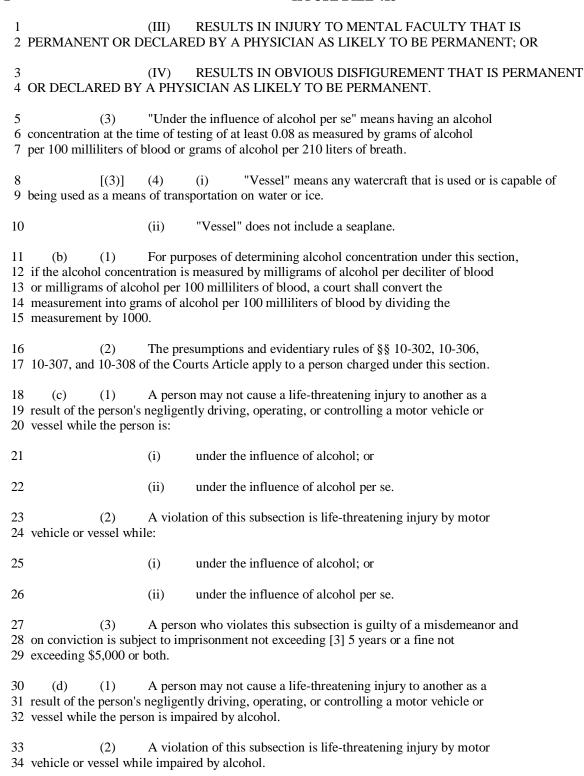
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			A BILL ENTITLED	
1	AN ACT co	oncernin		
2 3			Criminal Law - Life-Threatening Injury by Motor Vehicle or Vessel - Penalties	
4 5 6 7 8 9 10	influence of alcohol per se, life-threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel while impaired by alcohol, life-threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel while impaired by drugs, and life-threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance; defining the term "life-threatening injury"; and generally relating to homicide by motor vehicle or			
12 13 14 15 16	Section 3-211 Annotated Code of Maryland			
17 18			E IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF the Laws of Maryland read as follows:	
19			Article - Criminal Law	
20	3-211.			
21	(a)	(1)	In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.	
22		(2)	"LIFE-THREATENING INJURY" MEANS ANY INJURY THAT:	
23			(I) INVOLVES A SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF DEATH;	
24 25		N OF A	(II) RESULTS IN LOSS OR SUBSTANTIAL IMPAIRMENT OF THE BODILY MEMBER OR ORGAN;	

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1 (3) A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and 2 on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding [2] 3 years or a fine not 3 exceeding \$3,000 or both. 4 (e) A person may not cause a life-threatening injury to another as a (1) 5 result of the person's negligently driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or 6 vessel while the person is so far impaired by a drug, a combination of drugs, or a combination of one or more drugs and alcohol that the person cannot drive, operate, or 8 control a motor vehicle or vessel safely. A violation of this subsection is life-threatening injury by motor 10 vehicle or vessel while impaired by drugs. (3) 11 A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and 12 on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding [2] 3 years or a fine not 13 exceeding \$3,000 or both. 14 (f) (1) This subsection does not apply to a person who is entitled to use the 15 controlled dangerous substance under the laws of the State. 16 A person may not cause a life-threatening injury to another as a 17 result of the person's negligently driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or 18 vessel while the person is impaired by a controlled dangerous substance as defined in 19 § 5-101 of this article. 20 A violation of this subsection is life-threatening injury by motor 21 vehicle or vessel while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance. 22 A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and 23 on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding [2] 3 years or a fine not 24 exceeding \$3,000 or both. 25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 26 October 1, 2004.