
By: **Delegate Holmes**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Laws - Unattended Vehicles - Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for violating a provision of law prohibiting a
4 person from leaving a motor vehicle unattended under certain circumstances;
5 and generally relating to penalties for violations of law regarding unattended
6 vehicles.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 21-1101
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 27-106
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 21-1101.

21 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a person driving or
22 otherwise in charge of a motor vehicle may not leave it unattended until the engine is
23 stopped, the ignition locked, the key removed, and the brake effectively set.

24 (b) A person driving or otherwise in charge of a motor vehicle may not leave
25 the motor vehicle unattended until, if the vehicle is on a grade, the front wheels are
26 turned to the curb or side of the highway.

1 (c) When a cat or dog is left in the unattended vehicle of an on-duty law
2 enforcement officer or an animal control officer, the provisions of subsection (a) of this
3 section do not apply to the law enforcement officer or the animal control officer.

4 27-106.

5 (a) Any person who is convicted of a violation of § 22-404.4 of this article shall
6 be fined \$250.

7 (b) Any person who is convicted of a violation of § 22-412.3 of this article is
8 subject to a fine of not more than \$25, including court costs.

9 (c) Any person who is convicted of a violation of § 21-1003(u) or (dd) of this
10 article is subject to a fine of \$25.

11 (D) ANY PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF § 21-1101(A) OF THIS
12 ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$250.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2005.