
By: **Delegate Holmes**
Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2006
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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 requiring the Comptroller to pay a certain portion of certain fines to the Vehicle
6 Theft Prevention Fund; and generally relating to penalties for violations of law
7 regarding unattended vehicles.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 21-1101
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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14 Article - Transportation
15 Section 27-106
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Transportation**

21 21-1101.

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

25 (b) A person driving or otherwise in charge of a motor vehicle may not leave
26 the motor vehicle unattended until, if the vehicle is on a grade, the front wheels are
27 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) (1) ANY PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF § 21-1101(A) OF
12 THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE FINED \$250.

13 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE
14 COMPTROLLER SHALL PAY \$200 OF EACH FINE COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)
15 OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION FUND ESTABLISHED
16 UNDER § 2-703 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2006.