

# HOUSE BILL 126

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Parking Violations – Exemption from Signature Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting certain parking violations from the requirement for the  
4 issuance of a traffic citation that the issuing police officer request that the  
5 person committing the violation sign the statement on the citation  
6 acknowledging its receipt; and generally relating to citations for parking  
7 violations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Transportation  
10 Section 21–1004  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Transportation  
15 Section 26–203  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 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 21–1004.

22 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a vehicle that is stopped or  
23 parked on a two–way roadway shall be stopped or parked parallel to the right hand  
24 curb or edge of the roadway, with its right hand wheels within 12 inches of that curb  
25 or edge of the roadway.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) Except as otherwise provided by local ordinance, a vehicle that is stopped  
2 or parked on a one-way roadway shall be stopped or parked parallel to the curb or  
3 edge of the roadway, in the direction of authorized traffic movement, with:

4 (1) Its right hand wheels within 12 inches of the right hand curb or  
5 edge of the roadway; or

6 (2) Its left hand wheels within 12 inches of the left hand curb or edge  
7 of the roadway.

8 (c) The State Highway Administration or any local authority may permit  
9 angle parking on the roadway of any highway in its jurisdiction, if the roadway has  
10 been determined to be wide enough to permit angle parking without interfering with  
11 the free movement of traffic.

12 (d) The State Highway Administration or any local authority may place signs  
13 that prohibit or restrict the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on any highway  
14 in its jurisdiction where to stop, stand, or park would:

15 (1) Endanger those using the highway; or

16 (2) Interfere unduly with the free movement of traffic on the highway.

17 (e) (1) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle on any private  
18 property not owned by the owner or driver of the vehicle unless the person has express  
19 or implied permission from the property owner, his tenant, or his agent to stop, stand,  
20 or park the vehicle, as the case may be.

21 (2) In Baltimore City or in any county, upon the request of the owner,  
22 his agent, or his tenant, a police officer may issue a citation for a violation of the  
23 provisions of this subsection.

24 (f) As of October 1, 2010, any sign that designates a parking space or zone  
25 for the use of individuals with disabilities shall clearly state the maximum amount of  
26 the fine to which a person is subject for parking a vehicle in the parking space or zone  
27 in violation of § 21-1003(u) of this subtitle.

28 26-203.

29 (a) This section applies to all traffic citations issued under this subtitle,  
30 unless:

31 (1) The person otherwise is being arrested under § 26-202(a)(1), (2),  
32 (3), or (4) of this subtitle;

33 (2) The person is incapacitated or otherwise unable to comply with the  
34 provisions of this section;

1           (3)    The citation is being issued to an unattended vehicle in violation of  
2  [§ 21-1003] § **21-1003 OR § 21-1004** of this article; or

3           (4)    The citation is being issued to an unattended motor vehicle in  
4  violation of § 13-402 of this article.

5           (b)    On issuing a traffic citation, the police officer:

6                (1)    Shall ask the person to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the  
7  citation, as required under § 1-605 of the Courts Article; and

8                (2)    If the person refuses to do so, shall advise the person that failure to  
9  acknowledge receipt may lead to the person's arrest.

10           (c)    (1)    On being advised that failure to acknowledge receipt of a copy of a  
11  citation may lead to arrest, the person may not refuse to acknowledge receipt.

12                (2)    If the person continues to refuse to do so, the police officer may  
13  arrest the person for violation of this section or, as provided in § 26-202(a)(5) of this  
14  subtitle, for the original charge, or both.

15           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16  October 1, 2008.