

# SENATE BILL 460

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By: **Senators Middleton and Dyson**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Moving Violations by Minors – Notification of Parent or**  
3 **Guardian**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to notify the parent,  
5 guardian, or other cosigner of a minor's driver's license application if a citation  
6 is issued to the minor charging the minor with a certain moving violation;  
7 requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court, in conjunction with the Motor  
8 Vehicle Administrator, to establish procedures for notifying the Administration  
9 of each citation within the jurisdiction of the District Court that is issued to a  
10 minor licensed in the State charging that the minor committed a certain moving  
11 violation; requiring the notice provided by the Administration to contain certain  
12 information; providing for the construction and applicability of this Act; and  
13 generally relating to notifying a parent, guardian, or other cosigner of a minor's  
14 driver's license application that a citation alleging a moving violation was  
15 issued to the minor.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
18 Section 1–605(d)(4)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
22 Article – Transportation  
23 Section 21–808  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2 1–605.

3 (d) In addition to the powers and duties granted and imposed in subsections  
4 (a), (b), and (c) of this section, or elsewhere by law or rule, the Chief Judge of the  
5 District Court shall:

6 (4) In conjunction with the Motor Vehicle Administrator, establish  
7 uniform procedures for reporting traffic cases in the District Court, including  
8 procedures for promptly notifying the Motor Vehicle Administration of each citation  
9 within the jurisdiction of the District Court that is issued to a minor licensed in the  
10 State charging the minor with [driving a motor vehicle at least 20 miles per hour  
11 above the maximum lawful speed;] **A MOVING VIOLATION AS DEFINED IN §**  
12 **11–136.1(1) OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;**

13 **Article – Transportation**

14 21–808.

15 (a) Upon receipt of notification from the District Court under § 1–605(d)(4) of  
16 the Courts Article that a citation was issued to a minor charging the minor with  
17 [driving a motor vehicle at least 20 miles per hour above the maximum lawful speed,]  
18 **A MOVING VIOLATION AS DEFINED IN § 11–136.1(1) OF THIS ARTICLE**, the  
19 Administration promptly shall notify the cosigner of the minor’s driver’s license  
20 application that the citation was issued to the minor.

21 (b) The notification required under subsection (a) of this section shall:

22 (1) Be mailed by the Administration to the most recent address  
23 provided by the cosigner in accordance with § 16–107(b) of this article; and

24 (2) Contain the following information:

25 (i) The name, address, and date of birth of the minor charged  
26 with the violation;

27 (ii) **IDENTIFICATION OF THE MOVING VIOLATION CHARGED;**

28 (iii) **[The] IF THE CITATION WAS ISSUED FOR A SPEEDING**  
29 **VIOLATION, THE** speed at which the minor is alleged to have [driven;

30 (iii) **The] DRIVEN AND THE** maximum lawful speed at the  
31 location of the alleged violation;

32 (iv) The amount of the fine specified in the citation; and

1                                   (v)    The number of points that may be assessed against the  
2 minor.

3                   (c)    Evidence of the receipt or lack of receipt of the notice required by this  
4 section is not admissible in any civil or criminal action against a cosigner.

5                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be  
6 construed only prospectively and may be applied only to a citation issued to a minor on  
7 or after the effective date of this Act.

8                   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2008.