HOUSE BILL 330

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Manslaughter and Vehicular Manslaughter – Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the possible term of imprisonment for a conviction for the
4   crime of manslaughter or vehicular manslaughter; and generally relating to the
5   crimes of manslaughter and vehicular manslaughter.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7   Article – Criminal Law
8   Section 2–207(a) and 2–209(d)
9   Annotated Code of Maryland
10   (2002 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12   Article – Criminal Law
13   Section 2–209(a), (b), and (c)
14   Annotated Code of Maryland
15   (2002 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

19 2–207.

20   (a) A person who commits manslaughter is guilty of a felony and on
21 conviction is subject to:

22   (1) imprisonment not exceeding **[10] 30** years; or

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
    [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   (2)   imprisonment in a local correctional facility not exceeding 2 years
2   or a fine not exceeding $500 or both.

3   2–209.

4   (a)   In this section, "vehicle" includes a motor vehicle, streetcar, locomotive,
5   engine, and train.

6   (b)   A person may not cause the death of another as a result of the person's
7   driving, operating, or controlling a vehicle or vessel in a grossly negligent manner.

8   (c)   A violation of this section is manslaughter by vehicle or vessel.

9   (d)   A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is
10 subject to imprisonment not exceeding **[10] 30** years or a fine not exceeding $5,000 or
11 both.

12   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2009.