

HOUSE BILL 1350

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By: **Delegates Norman, James, Jennings, McComas, Riley, and Stifler**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Rules of the Road - Duty to Remain at the Scene of an Accident - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum penalty for certain offenses relating to a
4 driver's duty to remain at the scene of an accident; and generally relating to a
5 driver's duty to remain at the scene of an accident.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Transportation
8 Section 27-101(c)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 27-101(cc)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2006 Replacement 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:

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 27-101.

20 (c) Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of the
21 following sections of this article is subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or
22 imprisonment for not more than 2 months or both:

23 (1) § 12-301(c), (d), (e), or (f) ("Special identification cards: Fraud and
24 misrepresentation prohibited");

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (2) § 14–102 (“Taking or driving vehicle without consent of owner”);
- 2 (3) § 14–104 (“Damaging or tampering with vehicle”);
- 3 (4) § 14–107 (“Removed, falsified, or unauthorized identification
4 number or registration card or plate”);
- 5 (5) § 14–110 (“Altered or forged documents and plates”);
- 6 (6) § 15–312 (“Dealers: Prohibited acts – Vehicle sales transactions”);
- 7 (7) § 15–313 (“Dealers: Prohibited acts – Advertising practices”);
- 8 (8) § 15–314 (“Dealers: Prohibited acts – Violation of licensing laws”);
- 9 (9) § 15–411 (“Vehicle salesmen: Prohibited acts”);
- 10 (10) § 15–502(c) (“Storage of certain vehicles by unlicensed persons
11 prohibited”);
- 12 (11) § 16–113(j) (“Violation of alcohol restriction ordered by a court”);
- 13 (12) § 16–301 (“Unlawful application for or use of license”);
- 14 (13) § 16–303(h) (“Licenses suspended under certain provisions of
15 Code”);
- 16 (14) § 16–303(i) (“Licenses suspended under certain provisions of the
17 traffic laws or regulations of another state”);
- 18 (15) § 18–106 (“Unauthorized use of rented motor vehicle”);
- 19 (16) [§ 20–103 (“Driver to remain at scene – Accidents resulting only in
20 damage to attended vehicle or property”);
- 21 (17) § 20–104 (“Duty to give information and render aid”);
- 22 (18) § 20–105 (“Duty on striking unattended vehicle or other property”);
- 23 (19)] § 20–108 (“False reports prohibited”);
- 24 [(20)] **(17)** § 21–206 (“Interference with traffic control devices or
25 railroad signs and signals”);

1 [(21)] **(18)** As to a pedestrian in a marked crosswalk, § 21-502(a)
2 (“Pedestrians’ right-of-way in crosswalks: In general”), if the violation contributes to
3 an accident;

4 [(22)] **(19)** As to another vehicle stopped at a marked crosswalk, §
5 21-502(c) (“Passing of vehicle stopped for pedestrian prohibited”), if the violation
6 contributes to an accident;

7 [(23)] **(20)** Except as provided in subsections (f) and (q) of this section, §
8 21-902(b) (“Driving while impaired by alcohol”);

9 [(24)] **(21)** Except as provided in subsections (f) and (q) of this section, §
10 21-902(c) (“Driving while impaired by drugs or drugs and alcohol”);

11 [(25)] **(22)** § 21-902.1 (“Driving within 12 hours after arrest”); or

12 [(26)] **(23)** § 27-107(d), (e), (f), or (g) (“Prohibited acts – Ignition
13 interlock systems”).

14 **(CC) ANY PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE**
15 **PROVISIONS OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THIS ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO A**
16 **FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 6**
17 **MONTHS OR BOTH:**

18 **(1) § 20-103 (“DRIVER TO REMAIN AT SCENE – ACCIDENTS**
19 **RESULTING ONLY IN DAMAGE TO ATTENDED VEHICLE OR PROPERTY”);**

20 **(2) § 20-104 (“DUTY TO GIVE INFORMATION AND RENDER AID”);**
21 **OR**

22 **(3) § 20-105 (“DUTY ON STRIKING UNATTENDED VEHICLE OR**
23 **OTHER PROPERTY”).**

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