HOUSE BILL 520

R2 HB 321/08 – ENV

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Transportation – Transit Vehicle Operators – Prohibition on Use of Wireless 3 Communication Devices

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from using a certain wireless communication device while operating a transit vehicle; defining a certain term; establishing a certain penalty; and generally relating to the use of certain wireless communication devices by persons who operate transit vehicles.

- 8 BY adding to
- 9 Article Transportation
- 10 Section 7–705.1
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

- 15 Article Transportation
- 16 **7–705.1.**

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE" HAS THE 18 MEANING STATED IN § 21–1124 OF THIS ARTICLE.

19(B) A PERSON MAY NOT USE A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE20WHILE OPERATING A TRANSIT VEHICLE.

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

1 (C) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A 2 MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN 3 \$500.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 5 October 1, 2010.