HOUSE BILL 990

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Vehicle Laws – Unattended Motor Vehicle – Exception to Prohibition**

3   FOR the purpose of creating an exception for the use of a remote keyless ignition
4   system to the prohibition against leaving a motor vehicle unattended under
5   certain circumstances; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating
6   to the prohibition against leaving a motor vehicle unattended under certain
7   circumstances.

8   BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9   Article – Transportation
10   Section 21–1101
11   Annotated Code of Maryland
12   (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 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 21–1101.

17   (a)   Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a person driving or
18 otherwise in charge of a motor vehicle may not leave it unattended until the engine is
19 stopped, the ignition locked, the key removed, and the brake effectively set.

20   (b)   A person driving or otherwise in charge of a motor vehicle may not leave
21 the motor vehicle unattended until, if the vehicle is on a grade, the front wheels are
22 turned to the curb or side of the highway.

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

1   (c)   **(1)**   When a cat or dog is left in the unattended vehicle of an on–duty
2   law enforcement officer or an animal control officer, **[**the provisions of**]** subsection (a)
3   of this section **[**do**]** **DOES** not apply to the law enforcement officer or the animal control
4   officer.

5   **(2)**   S̲UBSECTION̲ **(A)** O̲F̲ T̲HIS̲ S̲ECTION̲ D̲OES̲ N̲OT̲ A̲PPLY̲ T̲O̲ A̲
6   P̲ERSON̲ W̲HO̲ I̲S̲ I̲N̲ C̲HARGE̲ O̲F̲ A̲ M̲OTOR̲ V̲EHICLE̲ T̲HAT̲ H̲AS̲ R̲ECENTLY̲ H̲AD̲
7   T̲HE̲ E̲NGINE̲ S̲TARTED̲ U̲SING̲ A̲ R̲EMOTE̲ K̲EYLESS̲ I̲GNITION̲ S̲YSTEM̲.

8   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9   October 1, 2012.