

HOUSE BILL 990

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By: **Delegates Frush, Gaines, Healey, Hubbard, Kaiser, Pena-Melnyk, B. Robinson, and Sophocleus**

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CHAPTER _____

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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

8 **(2) SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A**
9 **PERSON WHO IS IN CHARGE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT HAS RECENTLY HAD**
10 **THE ENGINE STARTED USING A REMOTE KEYLESS IGNITION SYSTEM.**

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.