

HOUSE BILL 604

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By: **Delegate Kramer**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Wearable Computer With Head–Mounted Display –**
3 **Prohibited**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from operating a motor vehicle on a
5 highway while wearing or using a wearable computer with a head–mounted
6 display; defining a certain term; and generally relating to prohibiting the
7 wearing or use of a wearable computer with a head–mounted display while
8 operating a motor vehicle on a highway.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 21–1130
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 27–101(a) and (b)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 **21–1130.**

23 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “WEARABLE COMPUTER WITH A HEAD–MOUNTED**
24 **DISPLAY” MEANS A COMPUTER DEVICE THAT:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) IS WORN ON AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEAD; AND**

2 **(2) PROJECTS VISUAL INFORMATION INTO THE FIELD OF VISION**
3 **OF THE INDIVIDUAL WEARING THE DEVICE.**

4 **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A**
5 **HIGHWAY WHILE WEARING OR USING A WEARABLE COMPUTER WITH A**
6 **HEAD-MOUNTED DISPLAY.**

7 27-101.

8 (a) It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of the
9 Maryland Vehicle Law unless the violation:

10 (1) Is declared to be a felony by the Maryland Vehicle Law or by any
11 other law of this State; or

12 (2) Is punishable by a civil penalty under the applicable provision of
13 the Maryland Vehicle Law.

14 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a
15 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is
16 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2014.