

HOUSE BILL 1281

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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; providing for the application of this Act; establishing certain penalties
7 for a violation of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
8 prohibiting the wearing or use of a wearable computer with a head–mounted
9 display while operating a motor vehicle on a highway.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 16–402(a)(11)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 21–1130
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 16–402.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) After the conviction of an individual for a violation of Title 2, Subtitle 5, §
2 2–209, or § 3–211 of the Criminal Law Article, or of the vehicle laws or regulations of
3 this State or of any local authority, points shall be assessed against the individual as
4 of the date of violation and as follows:

5 (11) Any moving violation contributing to an accident 3 points

6 **21–1130.**

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

9 (1) IS WORN ON AN INDIVIDUAL’S HEAD; AND

10 (2) PROJECTS VISUAL INFORMATION INTO THE FIELD OF VISION
11 OF THE INDIVIDUAL WEARING THE DEVICE.

12 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE USE OF A WEARABLE
13 COMPUTER WITH A HEAD–MOUNTED DISPLAY AS A GLOBAL POSITIONING
14 SYSTEM.

15 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A
16 HIGHWAY WHILE WEARING OR USING A WEARABLE COMPUTER WITH A
17 HEAD–MOUNTED DISPLAY.

18 (D) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS
19 SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:

20 (I) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$75;

21 (II) FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN
22 \$125; AND

23 (III) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE OF NOT
24 MORE THAN \$175.

25 (2) POINTS MAY NOT BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL
26 UNDER § 16–402 OF THIS ARTICLE UNLESS THE OFFENSE CONTRIBUTES TO AN
27 ACCIDENT.

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