

HOUSE BILL 476

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By: **Delegates Kramer, Barkley, Fraser–Hidalgo, Glass, A. Miller, and S. Robinson**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 21–1130

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 27–101(a) and (b)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

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 **21-1130.**

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “WEARABLE COMPUTER WITH A HEAD-MOUNTED
3 DISPLAY” MEANS A COMPUTER DEVICE THAT:

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

5 (2) PROJECTS VISUAL INFORMATION INTO THE FIELD OF VISION OF
6 THE INDIVIDUAL WEARING THE DEVICE.

7 (B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A HIGHWAY
8 WHILE WEARING OR USING A WEARABLE COMPUTER WITH A HEAD-MOUNTED
9 DISPLAY.

10 27-101.

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

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

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

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

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.