

# HOUSE BILL 609

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Motorcycle Operators – Penalties for Speed Violations**

3 **PG 311–15**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for a person who is convicted of committing a  
5 certain speed violation while operating a motorcycle in Prince George's County; and  
6 generally relating to penalties for speed violations committed by motorcycle  
7 operators in Prince George's County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 21–801.1(a) through (e) and 27–101(a) and (b)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 27–101(ff)

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**

21 21–801.1.

22 (a) Unless there is a special danger that requires a lower speed to comply with §  
23 21–801 of this subtitle, the limits specified in this section or otherwise established under

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 this subtitle are maximum lawful speeds. A person may not drive a vehicle on a highway  
2 at a speed that exceeds these limits.

3 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the maximum speed limits are:

4 (1) 15 miles an hour in alleys in Baltimore County;

5 (2) 30 miles an hour on:

6 (i) All highways in a business district; and

7 (ii) Undivided highways in a residential district;

8 (3) 35 miles an hour on divided highways in a residential district;

9 (4) 50 miles an hour on undivided highways in other locations; and

10 (5) 55 miles an hour on divided highways in other locations.

11 (c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a posted maximum speed  
12 limit lawfully in effect on December 31, 1974, is a maximum lawful speed even if it differs  
13 from a limit specified in subsection (b) of this section.

14 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a maximum speed limit  
15 specified in subsection (b) of this section or in effect under subsection (c) of this section may  
16 be altered as provided in this subtitle.

17 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a maximum speed  
18 limit of more than 55 miles an hour may not be established or continued on any highway  
19 in this State that is not an interstate highway or an expressway.

20 (2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a  
21 maximum speed limit of more than 65 miles an hour may not be established on any highway  
22 in the State.

23 27-101.

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

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

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

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

4 (FF) A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING A VIOLATION OF §  
5 21-801.1 OF THIS ARTICLE (“EXCEEDING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS”) WHILE  
6 OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE THAT IS EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT BY 40 MILES PER  
7 HOUR OR GREATER IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$1,000.

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