

SENATE BILL 345

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SB 445/17 – JPR

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Smoking Marijuana in Vehicles – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a driver of a motor vehicle from smoking or consuming
4 marijuana in the passenger area of a motor vehicle on a highway; prohibiting an
5 occupant of a motor vehicle from smoking marijuana in the passenger area of the
6 motor vehicle on a highway; and generally relating to smoking marijuana.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 21–903

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 21–903.

16 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (2) “Alcoholic beverage” means a spirituous, vinous, malt, or fermented
18 liquor, liquid, or compound that contains at least 0.5% alcohol by volume and is fit for
19 beverage purposes.

20 (3) (i) “Passenger area” means an area that:

21 1. Is designed to seat the driver and any passenger of a motor
22 vehicle while the motor vehicle is in operation; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



