

# SENATE BILL 497

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By: **Senators Ready, Carozza, Eckardt, Gallion, and West**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Drugged Driving – Controlled Dangerous Substance Testing – Authorized Police**  
3 **Officers**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a police officer who has successfully completed a certain  
5 program of training in advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement to request,  
6 require, or direct that a person take a certain test for drug or controlled dangerous  
7 substance content under certain circumstances; repealing a provision of law  
8 authorizing a police officer who is a trainee, or is participating directly or indirectly  
9 in a certain program of training, for certification as a drug recognition expert to  
10 request, require, or direct that a person take a certain test for drug or controlled  
11 dangerous substance content under certain circumstances; making certain  
12 conforming changes; and generally relating to testing for drugged driving.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Transportation  
15 Section 16–205.1(j)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 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 16–205.1.

22 (j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a test for drug or  
23 controlled dangerous substance content under this section:

24 (1) May not be requested as described under subsection (b) of this section,  
25 required as described under subsection (c) of this section, or directed as described under

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 subsection (d) of this section, by a police officer unless the law enforcement agency of which  
2 the officer is a member has the capacity to have such tests conducted;

3 (2) May only be requested as described under subsection (b) of this section,  
4 required as described under subsection (c) of this section, or directed as described under  
5 subsection (d) of this section, by a police officer who [is a trainee, has been trained, or is  
6 participating directly or indirectly in a program of training that is]:

7 [(i) Designed to train and certify police officers as drug recognition  
8 experts; and]

9 (I) 1. IS A MEMBER OF, AND HAS BEEN CERTIFIED AS A  
10 DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT BY THE HEAD OF:

11 A. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE;

12 B. THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT;

13 C. A POLICE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU, OR FORCE OF A  
14 COUNTY;

15 D. A POLICE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU, OR FORCE OF AN  
16 INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN;

17 E. THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION POLICE  
18 FORCE;

19 F. THE MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION POLICE  
20 FORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;

21 G. THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
22 POLICE FORCE;

23 H. THE POLICE FORCE OF A UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
24 CAMPUS OR ANOTHER INSTITUTION IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND OR  
25 MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY;

26 I. THE POLICE FORCE OF A STATE UNIVERSITY OR  
27 COLLEGE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF  
28 MARYLAND;

29 J. A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF ANY COUNTY OR  
30 BALTIMORE CITY;

1                   **K. THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE FORCE OR THE**  
2 **FOREST AND PARK SERVICE POLICE FORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
3 **RESOURCES; OR**

4                   **L. THE MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE OF THE**  
5 **DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES; AND**

6                   **2. HAS BEEN TRAINED AS A DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT**  
7 **BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THE STATE, OR ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, OR**  
8 **OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE STATE DESCRIBED IN ITEM 1 OF THIS**  
9 **ITEM, IN A PROGRAM OF TRAINING:**

10                   (ii) Conducted by a law enforcement agency of the State, or any  
11 county, municipal, or other law enforcement agency in the State described in item (3)(i)  
12 through 12 of this subsection:]

13                   [1.] **A. [In] ADMINISTERED IN** conjunction with the  
14 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; or

15                   [2.] **B. [As a program of training of police officers as drug**  
16 **recognition experts that] THAT** contains requirements for successful completion of the  
17 training program that are the substantial equivalent of the requirements of the Drug  
18 Recognition Training Program developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety  
19 Administration; [and] **OR**

20                   **(II) IS A MEMBER OF AND HAS BEEN CERTIFIED AS HAVING**  
21 **SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ADVANCED ROADSIDE IMPAIRED DRIVING**  
22 **ENFORCEMENT TRAINING BY THE HEAD OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**  
23 **DESCRIBED IN ITEM (I)1 OF THIS ITEM IN A PROGRAM OF TRAINING:**

24                   **1. ADMINISTERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE**  
25 **NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION; OR**

26                   **2. THAT CONTAINS REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL**  
27 **COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM THAT ARE THE SUBSTANTIAL**  
28 **EQUIVALENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ADVANCED ROADSIDE IMPAIRED**  
29 **DRIVING ENFORCEMENT TRAINING DEVELOPED BY THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY**  
30 **TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.**

31                   [(3) May only be requested as described under subsection (b) of this section,  
32 required as described under subsection (c) of this section, or directed as described under  
33 subsection (d) of this section:

34                   (i) In the case of a police officer who is a trainee, or who is

1 participating directly or indirectly in a program of training described in item (2) of this  
2 subsection, if the police officer is a member of, and is designated as a trainee or a participant  
3 by the head of:

- 4 1. The Department of State Police;
- 5 2. The Baltimore City Police Department;
- 6 3. A police department, bureau, or force of a county;
- 7 4. A police department, bureau, or force of an incorporated  
8 city or town;
- 9 5. The Maryland Transit Administration Police Force;
- 10 6. The Maryland Port Administration Police Force of the  
11 Department of Transportation;
- 12 7. The Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force;
- 13 8. The Police Force of a University of Maryland campus or  
14 another institution in the University System of Maryland or Morgan State University;
- 15 9. The police force for a State university or college under the  
16 direction and control of the University System of Maryland;
- 17 10. A sheriff's department of any county or Baltimore City;
- 18 11. The Natural Resources Police Force or the Forest and Park  
19 Service Police Force of the Department of Natural Resources; or
- 20 12. The Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General  
21 Services; or

22 (ii) In the case of a police officer who has been trained as a drug  
23 recognition expert, if the police officer is a member of, and certified as a drug recognition  
24 expert by the head of one of the law enforcement agencies described in item (i)1 through 12  
25 of this item.]

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2020.