

HOUSE BILL 7

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HB 668/21 – JUD

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By: **Delegate Szeliga**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must-Appear Violation**
3 **(Sherry’s and Christopher’s Law)**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that a person charged with reckless or negligent driving that
5 contributes to an accident that results in the death of another person must appear
6 in court and may not prepay the fine; and generally relating to reckless and negligent
7 driving.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 21–901.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 21–901.1.

17 (a) A person is guilty of reckless driving if he drives a motor vehicle:

18 (1) In wanton or willful disregard for the safety of persons or property; or

19 (2) In a manner that indicates a wanton or willful disregard for the safety
20 of persons or property.

21 (b) A person is guilty of negligent driving if he drives a motor vehicle in a careless

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 or imprudent manner that endangers any property or the life or person of any individual.

2 (c) **A PERSON CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION THAT**
3 **CONTRIBUTES TO AN ACCIDENT THAT RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF ANOTHER:**

4 (1) **MUST APPEAR IN COURT; AND**

5 (2) **MAY NOT PREPAY THE FINE.**

6 (D) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (a) of this section is subject to a
7 fine not exceeding \$1,000.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2022.