## **HOUSE BILL 483**

R33lr2656 HB 967/22 – JUD **CF SB 74** By: Delegates Simmons, Bagnall, Bartlett, Chisholm, Fennell, Guyton, Guzzone, Harris, D. Jones, Kaiser, Kipke, Lehman, T. Morgan, Phillips, Rogers, and Schmidt Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2023 Assigned to: Judiciary Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: February 21, 2023 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Grossly Negligent or Drunk or Drugged Operation of Vehicle or Vessel - Prior Convictions FOR the purpose of establishing that certain previous convictions for drunk or drugged operation of a vehicle or vessel and grossly negligent manslaughter by vehicle or vessel under certain provisions of law constitute prior convictions for the purpose of determining certain enhanced subsequent offender penalties; and generally relating to prior convictions for the grossly negligent or drunk or drugged operation of a vehicle or vessel. BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments. Article – Natural Resources Section 8–738(a) and (g) Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Natural Resources Section 8-738(e)(1) and (2)Annotated Code of Maryland

## EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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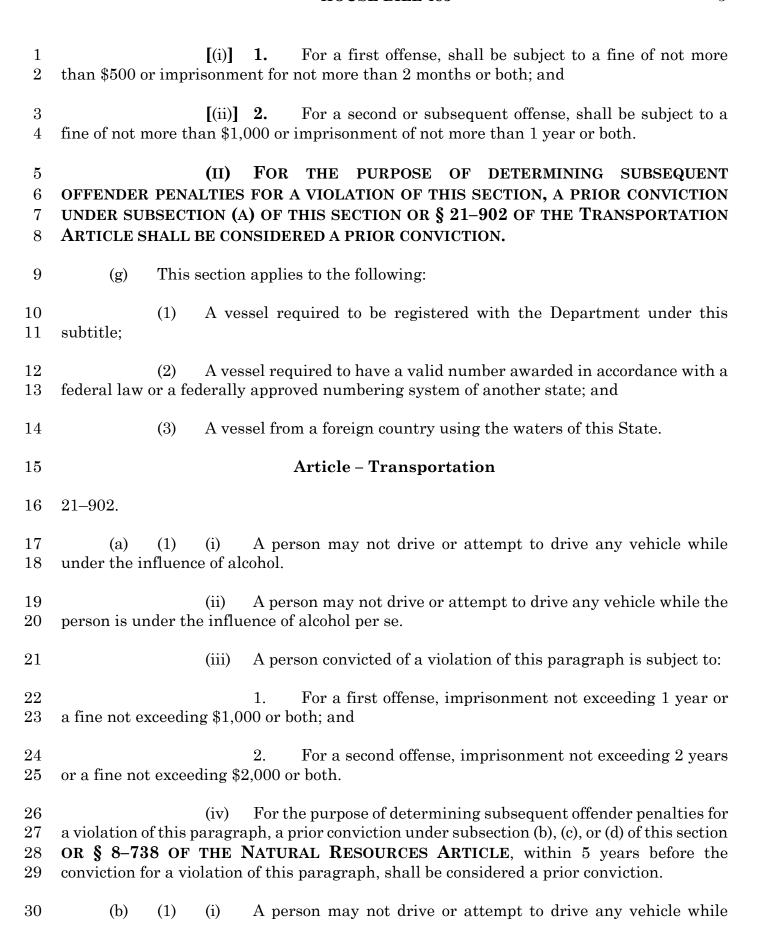
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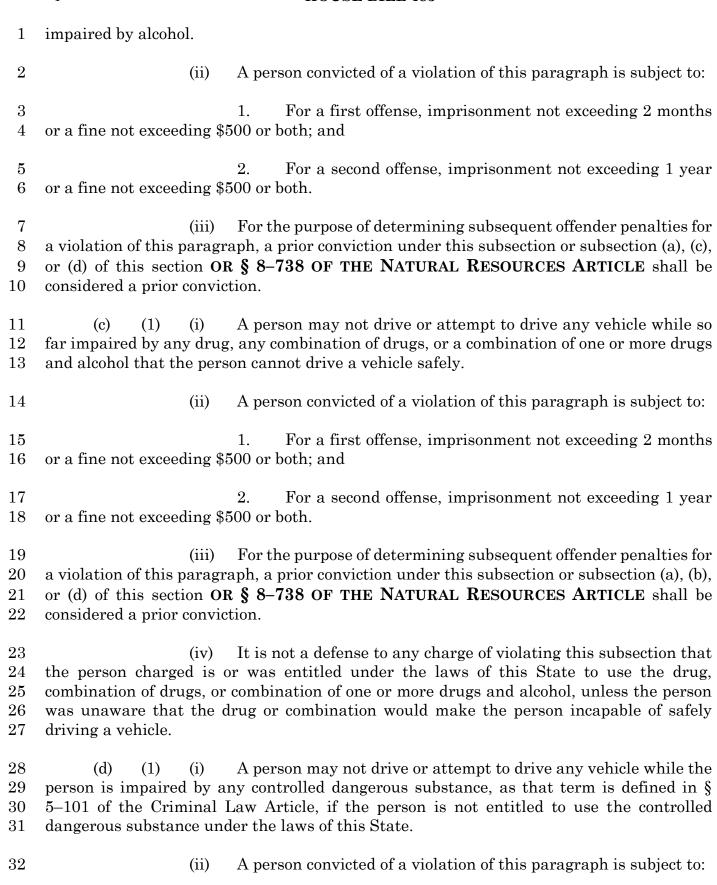
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1 2 3 4	Article – Transportation Section 21–902(a)(1), (b)(1), (c)(1), (d)(1), (e), (h), and (i) Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)  SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLANI That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:		
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7	Article - Natural Resources		
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1	(1) Is under the influence of alcohol;		
12	(2) Is impaired by alcohol;		
13 14	(3) Is so far impaired by any drug, combination of drugs, or combination of one or more drugs and alcohol that the person cannot operate a vessel safely; or		
15 16 17	5-101 of the Criminal Law Article, unless the person is entitled to use the controlle		
18	(e) (1) <b>(I)</b> Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a person who violates subsection (a)(1) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction:		
20 21	[(i)] 1. For a first offense, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both;		
22 23	[(ii)] 2. For a second offense, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for not more than 2 years or both; and		
24 25	[(iii)] 3. For a third or subsequent offense, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$3,000 or imprisonment for not more than 3 years or both.		
26 27 28 29	(II) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING SUBSEQUENT OFFENDER PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, A PRIOR CONVICTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION OR § 21–902 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PRIOR CONVICTION.		

30 (2) (I) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a person who 31 violates subsection (a)(2), (3), or (4) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon 32 conviction:





33 1. For a first offense, imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both; and

- 1 2. For a second offense, imprisonment not exceeding 2 years 2 or a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or both.
- 3 (iii) For the purpose of determining subsequent offender penalties for 4 a violation of this paragraph, a prior conviction under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section 5 OR § 8–738 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE, within 5 years before the 6 conviction for a violation of this paragraph, shall be considered a prior conviction.
- (e) For purposes of the application of subsequent offender penalties under this section, a conviction for a crime committed in another state or federal jurisdiction that, if committed in this State, would constitute a violation of subsection (a)(1) or (2), (b)(1) or (2), (c)(1) or (2), or (d)(1) or (2) of this section OR § 8–738 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE shall be considered a violation of subsection (a)(1) or (2), (b)(1) or (2), (c)(1) or (2), or (d)(1) or (2) of this section OR § 8–738 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.
- (h) (1) A person may not violate subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section if the person previously has been convicted of two violations of any provision of subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section **OR § 8-738 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE**.
- 16 (2) For purposes of this subsection, a conviction for a crime under the laws 17 of the United States that would be a crime included in paragraph (1) of this subsection if 18 committed in this State shall be considered a prior conviction under this subsection.
- 19 (3) A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and 20 on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding 21 \$5,000 or both.
- 22 (i) (1) A person may not violate subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section if 23 the person previously has been convicted of:
- 24 (i) Three or more violations of any provision of subsection (a), (b), 25 (c), or (d) of this section **OR § 8–738 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE**; or
- 26 (ii) A violation of **§ 2–209,** § 2–503, § 2–504, § 2–505, § 2–506, or § 27 3–211 of the Criminal Law Article.
- 28 (2) For purposes of this subsection, a conviction for a crime under the laws 29 of the United States that would be a crime included in paragraph (1) of this subsection if 30 committed in this State shall be considered a prior conviction under this subsection.
- 31 (3) A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and 32 on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding 33 \$10,000 or both.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

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October 1, 2023.		
Approved:		
		Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.