



# ABATE OF MARYLAND, INC.

*Dedicated to Freedom of the Road & Responsible Motorcycle Legislation*

To: The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chairman Judiciary Committee  
From: Robert Spanburgh, Jr., Chairman of the Board, ABATE of Maryland, Inc.  
Date: March 27, 2023  
Re: SB252 - Reckless and Negligent Driving - Penalties (Sherry's and Christian's Law)  
Position: **FAVORABLE - SUPPORT**

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, Vice Chairman and members of the Committee. My name is Robert Spanburgh Jr., and I am the Chairman of the Board for ABATE of Maryland, Inc., the State's largest Motorcycle Rights Organization. We fully support and encourage passage of SB252/HB360 and have lobbied relentlessly for its passage for a number of years. I myself have testified on behalf of legislation of this kind for many years. ABATE does not view this as strictly a bill for motorcyclists but rather a bill for ALL citizens of our great State. We feel that this legislation will enhance the safety of our highways, roads and streets for all Marylanders. The list of offenses that warrant a mandated court appearance is expansive. We feel that an accident that results in loss of life should have been on this list long ago. We hope this is the year that we can make this much-needed addition to that list. If passed, this law would not require an arrest at the scene, but rather a mandated court appearance on the date specified by authorities. With these factors in mind, we respectfully request passage of SB252/HB360, "Sherry's and Christian's Law".

Sincerely,  
**ABATE of Maryland, Inc.**

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