

# HOUSE BILL 1130

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Driving Without a License or While License is Suspended –**  
3 **Penalties**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum penalty for driving a motor vehicle while a  
5 person's license or privilege to drive is suspended under certain provisions of State  
6 law relating to the lapse of required security, noncompliance with traffic citations,  
7 and nonpayment of fines; altering the maximum penalty for driving a motor vehicle  
8 while a person's license or privilege to drive is suspended by another state for failure  
9 to comply with a certain notice to appear in court or to pay a certain fine; altering  
10 the maximum penalty for driving on a highway without a license; and generally  
11 relating to penalties for driving without a license or while a person's license or  
12 privilege to drive is suspended.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – Transportation  
15 Section 27–101(b)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Transportation  
20 Section 27–101(c) and (y)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Transportation**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 27-101.

2 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a  
3 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is  
4 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

5 (c) Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of the  
6 following sections of this article is subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment  
7 for not more than 2 months or both:

8 (1) § 12-301(e) or (f) (“Special identification cards: Unlawful use of  
9 identification card prohibited”);

10 (2) § 14-102 (“Taking or driving vehicle without consent of owner”);

11 (3) § 14-104 (“Damaging or tampering with vehicle”);

12 (4) § 14-107 (“Removed, falsified, or unauthorized identification number or  
13 registration card or plate”);

14 (5) § 14-110 (“Altered or forged documents and plates”);

15 (6) § 15-312 (“Dealers: Prohibited acts – Vehicle sales transactions”);

16 (7) § 15-313 (“Dealers: Prohibited acts – Advertising practices”);

17 (8) § 15-314 (“Dealers: Prohibited acts – Violation of licensing laws”);

18 (9) § 15-411 (“Vehicle salesmen: Prohibited acts”);

19 (10) § 16-113(j) (“Violation of alcohol restriction”);

20 (11) § 16-301, except § 16-301(a) or (b) (“Unlawful use of license”);

21 (12) [§ 16-303(h) (“Licenses suspended under certain provisions of Code”);

22 (13) § 16-303(i) (“Licenses suspended under certain provisions of the traffic  
23 laws or regulations of another state”);

24 (14) Repealed.

25 (15)] § 20-103 (“Driver to remain at scene – Accidents resulting only in  
26 damage to attended vehicle or property”);

27 [(16)] (13) § 20-104 (“Duty to give information and render aid”);

1            [(17)] (14) § 20–105 (“Duty on striking unattended vehicle or other  
2 property”);

3            [(18)] (15) § 20–108 (“False reports prohibited”);

4            [(19)] (16) § 21–206 (“Interference with traffic control devices or railroad  
5 signs and signals”);

6            [(20)] (17) As to a pedestrian in a marked crosswalk, § 21–502(a)  
7 (“Pedestrians’ right-of-way in crosswalks: In general”), if the violation contributes to an  
8 accident;

9            [(21)] (18) As to another vehicle stopped at a marked crosswalk, § 21–502(c)  
10 (“Passing of vehicle stopped for pedestrian prohibited”), if the violation contributes to an  
11 accident;

12           [(22)] (19) Except as provided in subsections (f) and (q) of this section, §  
13 21–902(b) (“Driving while impaired by alcohol”);

14           [(23)] (20) Except as provided in subsections (f) and (q) of this section, §  
15 21–902(c) (“Driving while impaired by drugs or drugs and alcohol”);

16           [(24)] (21) § 21–902.1 (“Driving within 12 hours after arrest”);

17           [(25)] (22) Title 21, Subtitle 10A (“Towing or Removal of Vehicles from  
18 Parking Lots”); or

19           [(26)] (23) § 27–107(d), (e), (f), or (g) (“Prohibited acts – Ignition interlock  
20 systems”).

21           (y) Any person who is convicted of a violation of § 16–101 of this article (“Drivers  
22 must be licensed”) is subject to:

23           (1) For a first offense, a fine of not more than \$500 [or imprisonment for  
24 not more than 60 days or both]; and

25           (2) For a second or subsequent offense, a fine of not more than \$500 or  
26 imprisonment for not more than [1 year] **60 DAYS** or both.

27           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2015.