

SENATE BILL 252

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CF HB 360

By: ~~Senators Carozza, West, and James~~ **Folden, James, and West**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Reckless and Negligent Driving – ~~Death of Another – Must Appear Violation~~**
3 **Penalties**
4 **(Sherry’s and Christian’s Law)**

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

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 21–901.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 21–901.1.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 (b) A person is guilty of negligent driving if he drives a motor vehicle in a careless
4 or imprudent manner that endangers any property or the life or person of any individual.

5 (c) **A PERSON CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**
6 **SECTION THAT CONTRIBUTES TO AN ACCIDENT THAT RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF**
7 **ANOTHER:**

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

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

10 (D) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (a) of this section is subject to
11 **IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5 DAYS OR** a fine not exceeding \$1,000 **OR BOTH.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.