

HOUSE BILL 329

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HB 1414/16 – JUD

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By: **Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Kramer**
Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2017
Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must–Appear Violation**
3 **(Ryan’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 may not comply
6 with the notice to appear in court by prepayment of a fine and must appear in court
7 in person; providing that a certain violation is a must–appear violation for certain
8 purposes; and generally relating to reckless or negligent driving contributing to
9 accidents resulting in death.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 21–901.1
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 21–901.1.

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

(c) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION THAT CONTRIBUTES TO AN ACCIDENT THAT RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON IS A MUST-APPEAR VIOLATION FOR PURPOSES OF § 26-201 OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE PERSON CHARGED WITH THE VIOLATION:

(1) MAY NOT COMPLY WITH A NOTICE TO APPEAR BY PREPAYMENT OF A FINE; AND

(2) SHALL APPEAR IN COURT IN PERSON.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.