

HOUSE BILL 884

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By: **Delegates Moon, Acevero, R. Lewis, Love, Palakovich Carr, and Stewart**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Canceled, Revoked, and Suspended Driver’s Licenses – Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain penalties for a person who displays a canceled, revoked,
4 or suspended driver’s license; altering certain penalties for a person who violates the
5 prohibition against driving a motor vehicle while the person’s driver’s license or
6 privilege to drive is suspended for failure to satisfy a motor vehicle judgment; making
7 a certain technical correction; and generally relating to penalties for violations
8 related to canceled, revoked, or suspended driver’s licenses.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 16–301(c), (d), and (e), 16–303(j), 16–402(a)(14) and (35), and 17–204
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 16–301(r)(3), 16–303(h) and (k), and 16–402(a)(16) and (36)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 16–301.

23 (c) A person may not display or cause or permit to be displayed any canceled
24 license.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(d) A person may not display or cause or permit to be displayed any revoked license.

(e) A person may not display or cause or permit to be displayed any suspended license.

(r) (3) A person convicted of a violation of subsection **(C), (D), (E)**, (h), (i), or (j) of this section is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.

16–303.

(h) A person may not drive a motor vehicle on any highway or on any property specified in § 21–101.1 of this article while the person’s license or privilege to drive is suspended under § 16–203, § 16–206(a)(2) for failure to attend a driver improvement program, § 17–106, **§ 17–204**, § 26–204, § 26–206, or § 27–103 of this article.

(j) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, any individual who violates a provision of this section shall be assessed the points as provided for in § 16–402(a)(35) of this title.

(2) Any individual who violates a provision of subsection (h) or (i) of this section shall be assessed the points as provided for in § 16–402(a)(14) of this title.

(k) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person convicted of a violation of this section is subject to:

(i) For a first offense, imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both; and

(ii) For a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.

(2) **(I) A PERSON CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (H) OR (I) OF THIS SECTION:**

1. MUST APPEAR IN COURT; AND

2. MAY NOT PREPAY THE FINE.

(II) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (h) or (i) of this section[:

(i) Is] **IS** subject to a fine not exceeding \$500[;

(ii) Must appear in court; and

(iii) May not prepay the fine].

16-402.

(a) After the conviction of an individual for a violation of Title 2, Subtitle 5, § 2-209, § 3-211, or § 10-110 of the Criminal Law Article, or of the vehicle laws or regulations of this State or of any local authority, points shall be assessed against the individual as of the date of violation and as follows:

(14) Any violation of § 16-303(h) or (i) of this title..... 3 points

(16) A violation of § [16-301(h)] **16-301(C), (D), (E), (H)**, (i), or (j) of this title.....3 points

(35) Any violation of § 16-303 of this title, excluding § 16-303(h) or (i)12 points

(36) Any violation of § 16-301(a) [through (g)], **(B), (F), (G)**, or (k) through (q), § 16-302, § 16-804, or § 16-808(a)(1) through (9) or (b) of this title.....12 points

17-204.

Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, on receipt of a certified copy of a judgment and a certificate of facts, the Administration shall suspend:

(1) The license to drive of the judgment debtor; and

(2) The registration of all vehicles owned by the judgment debtor and registered in this State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.