

SENATE BILL 147

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By: **Senator Beidle**

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2023

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Street Racing and Exhibition Driving – Prohibited Acts, Enforcement, and**
3 **Penalties**

4 FOR the purpose of altering certain penalties and the points assessments for certain motor
5 vehicle violations related to participation in a race or speed contest; prohibiting a
6 person from engaging in exhibition driving on any highway or private property that
7 is used for driving by the public; authorizing the towing and impounding of a vehicle
8 involved in certain motor vehicle violations related to participation in a race or speed
9 contest or engaging in exhibition driving; and generally relating to prohibited acts
10 and penalties related to participation in a race or speed contest or engaging in
11 exhibition driving.

12 BY repealing

13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 16–402(a)(22)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

17 BY renumbering

18 Article – Transportation
19 Section 16–402(a)(23) through (33) and (34) through (43) and 21–101(k) through (z)
20 to be Section 16–402(a)(22) through (32) and (35) through (44) and 21–101(l) through
21 (aa), respectively
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

24 BY adding to

25 Article – Transportation
26 Section 16–402(a)(33), (34), (45), and (46), 21–101(k), and 21–1116.1
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1116 and 21–1132(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That Section(s) 16–402(a)(22) of Article – Transportation of the Annotated Code of
Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 16–402(a)(23)
through (33) and (34) through (43) and 21–101(k) through (z) of Article – Transportation of
the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
16–402(a)(22) through (32) and (35) through (44) and 21–101(l) through (aa), respectively.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
as follows:

Article – Transportation

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:

**(33) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (45) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
PARTICIPATING IN A RACE OR SPEED CONTEST ON A HIGHWAY.....8 POINTS**

**(34) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (46) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
ENGAGING IN EXHIBITION DRIVING ON A HIGHWAY.....8 POINTS**

**(45) PARTICIPATING IN A RACE OR SPEED CONTEST ON A HIGHWAY
RESULTING IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, AS DEFINED IN § 20–102(C) OF THIS
ARTICLE, OR DEATH TO ANOTHER PERSON.....12 POINTS**

**(46) ENGAGING IN EXHIBITION DRIVING ON A HIGHWAY RESULTING IN
SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, AS DEFINED IN § 20-102(C) OF THIS ARTICLE, OR DEATH
TO ANOTHER PERSON.....12 POINTS**

21-101.

(a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

(K) “EXHIBITION DRIVING” MEANS:

**(1) THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IN A MANNER THAT
RESULTS IN:**

**(I) THE EXCESSIVE, ABRUPT ACCELERATION OR
DECELERATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE;**

**(II) THE SKIDDING, SQUEALING, BURNING, OR SMOKING OF THE
TIRES OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE;**

**(III) THE SWERVING OR SWAYING OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FROM
SIDE TO SIDE WHILE SKIDDING;**

**(IV) THE ENGINE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCING AN
UNREASONABLY LOUD, RAUCOUS, OR DISTURBING NOISE;**

**(V) THE GRINDING OF THE GEARS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR
THE BACKFIRING OF THE ENGINE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE; OR**

**(VI) ANY OF THE WHEELS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE LOSING
CONTACT WITH THE GROUND; OR**

**(2) THE TRANSPORTATION OF A PASSENGER ON OR IN AN AREA OF A
MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS NOT DESIGNED OR INTENDED FOR PASSENGER
TRANSPORT, SUCH AS THE HOOD OR ROOF.**

21-1116.

(a) **(1)** Except as provided in § 21-1211 of this title, on any highway or on any private property that is used by the public in general, a person may not drive a vehicle in a race or speed contest, whether or not on a wager or for a prize or reward.

[(b)] (2) Except as provided in § 21-1211 of this title, a person may not participate as a timekeeper or flagman in any race or speed contest specified in [subsection (a) of this section] **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

(B) A POLICE OFFICER MAY ORDER THE TOWING AND IMPOUNDING OF A VEHICLE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 60 DAYS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.

[(c)] (2) A person convicted of a violation of subsection [(a)] (A)(1) of this section that results in serious bodily injury [to another person], as defined in § 20–102(c) of this article, TO, OR THE DEATH OF, ANOTHER PERSON is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.

21–1116.1.

(A) ON ANY HIGHWAY OR ON ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT IS USED FOR DRIVING BY THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL, A PERSON MAY NOT ENGAGE IN EXHIBITION DRIVING.

(B) A POLICE OFFICER MAY ORDER THE TOWING AND IMPOUNDING OF A VEHICLE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

(C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 60 DAYS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.

(2) A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION THAT RESULTS IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, AS DEFINED IN § 20–102(C) OF THIS ARTICLE, TO, OR THE DEATH OF, ANOTHER PERSON IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.

21–1132.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) [“Exhibition driving” means:

(i) The operation of a motor vehicle in a manner that results in:

1. The excessive, abrupt acceleration or deceleration of the motor vehicle;

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2023.