

SENATE BILL 337

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By: **Senator Kramer**

Requested: October 3, 2020

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Reckless Driving – Excessive Speeding**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that a person who drives more than a certain amount
4 above the maximum speed limit is guilty of reckless driving; establishing that a
5 person charged with reckless driving must appear in court and may not prepay the
6 fine; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to vehicle laws
7 governing excessive speeding.

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

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 21–901.1.

17 (a) A person is guilty of reckless driving if [he] **THE PERSON** drives a motor
18 vehicle:

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

20 (2) In a manner that indicates a wanton or willful disregard for the safety
21 of persons or property; **OR**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) AT A SPEED OF 20 MILES PER HOUR OR MORE IN EXCESS OF THE**
2 **MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT.**

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

6 (c) **(1) A PERSON CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (A) OF**
7 **THIS SECTION:**

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

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

10 **(2)** A person convicted of a violation of subsection (a) of this section is
11 subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2021.