

# SENATE BILL 709

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By: **Senator Carter**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Vehicle Laws – Canceled, Revoked, and Suspended Driver's Licenses – Penalties~~  
3 Driver's License Suspensions – Failure to Satisfy Judgment – Penalties and  
4 Assessment of Points

5 FOR the purpose of altering ~~certain penalties for a person who displays a canceled, revoked,~~  
6 ~~or suspended driver's license; altering certain penalties for a person who violates the~~  
7 ~~prohibition against driving a motor vehicle while the person's driver's license or~~  
8 ~~privilege to drive is suspended for failure to satisfy a motor vehicle judgment; making~~  
9 ~~a certain technical correction; and generally relating to penalties for violations~~  
10 ~~related to canceled, revoked, or suspended driver's licenses~~ the assessment of points  
11 and penalties associated with driving a motor vehicle while the person's driver's  
12 license or privilege to drive is suspended for failure to satisfy a certain judgment;  
13 and generally relating to penalties for driving a motor vehicle under a suspended  
14 driver's license.

15 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~  
16 ~~Article – Transportation~~  
17 ~~Section 16–301(e), (d), and (e), 16–303(j), 16–402(a)(14) and (35), and 17–204~~  
18 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
19 ~~(2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)~~

20 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~  
21 ~~Article – Transportation~~  
22 ~~Section 16–301(r)(3), 16–303(h) and (k), and 16–402(a)(16) and (36)~~  
23 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

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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.



~~(2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 16–303(h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 16–303(j) and (k), 16–402(a)(14),(16),(35), and (36), 17–201, and 17–204

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

### Article – Transportation

~~16–301.~~

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

~~(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.~~

~~(f) (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.~~

~~(H) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (h) or (i) of this section:~~

~~(i) Is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500;~~

~~(ii) Must appear in court; and~~

~~(iii) May not prepay the fine.~~

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

(i) 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

17-201.

In this subtitle, "judgment" means any final judgment resulting from:

(1) A cause of action for damages arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use on any highway or other property open to the public of any vehicle of a type required to be registered in this State; or

(2) A cause of action on an agreement of settlement for damages arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use on any highway or other property open to the public of any vehicle of a type required to be registered in this State.

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.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.