

SENATE BILL 939

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By: **Senator King**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Reckless Endangerment – Use of Motor Vehicle**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing an exclusion of conduct involving the use of a motor vehicle
4 applicable to the crime of reckless endangerment; and generally relating to reckless
5 endangerment.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Criminal Law
8 Section 3–204
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Law**

14 3–204.

15 (a) A person may not recklessly:

16 (1) engage in conduct that creates a substantial risk of death or serious
17 physical injury to another; or

18 (2) discharge a firearm from a motor vehicle in a manner that creates a
19 substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another.

20 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of the misdemeanor of reckless
21 endangerment and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine
22 not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(c) (1) Subsection (a)(1) of this section does not apply to conduct involving[:

(i) the use of a motor vehicle, as defined in § 11–135 of the Transportation Article; or

(ii)] the manufacture, production, or sale of a product or commodity.

(2) Subsection (a)(2) of this section does not apply to:

(i) a law enforcement officer or security guard in the performance of an official duty; or

(ii) an individual acting in defense of a crime of violence as defined in § 5–101 of the Public Safety Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.