

# SENATE BILL 370

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By: **Senators Carter, Sydnor, and Washington**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Driver's License Suspensions – Failure to Satisfy Judgment – Penalties and**  
3 **Assessment of Points**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the assessment of points and penalties associated with driving  
5 a motor vehicle while the person's driver's license or privilege to drive is suspended  
6 for failure to satisfy a certain judgment; and generally relating to penalties for  
7 driving a motor vehicle under a suspended driver's license.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 16–303(h)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article – Transportation

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

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 16–303.

22 (h) A person may not drive a motor vehicle on any highway or on any property  
23 specified in § 21–101.1 of this article while the person's license or privilege to drive is  
24 suspended under § 16–203, § 16–206(a)(2) for failure to attend a driver improvement

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 program, § 17–106, § 17–204, § 26–204, § 26–206, or § 27–103 of this article.

2 (j) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, any individual  
3 who violates a provision of this section shall be assessed the points as provided for in §  
4 16–402(a)(35) of this title.

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

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

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

11 (ii) For a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment not exceeding  
12 2 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.

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

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

15 (ii) Must appear in court; and

16 (iii) May not prepay the fine.

17 16–402.

18 (a) After the conviction of an individual for a violation of Title 2, Subtitle 5, §  
19 2–209, § 3–211, or § 10–110 of the Criminal Law Article, or of the vehicle laws or regulations  
20 of this State or of any local authority, points shall be assessed against the individual as of  
21 the date of violation and as follows:

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

23 (35) Any violation of § 16–303 of this title, excluding § 16–303(h) or  
24 (i).....12 points

25 17–201.

26 In this subtitle, “judgment” means any final judgment resulting from:

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

30 (2) A cause of action on an agreement of settlement for damages arising

1 out of the ownership, maintenance, or use on any highway or other property open to the  
2 public of any vehicle of a type required to be registered in this State.

3 17-204.

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

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

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

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