

forth the reason why the voter is unable to be present at the polls on the day of the election and shall be accompanied by a statement under oath by the voter's employer stating that the voter will be unable to vote on election day because of absence caused by his employment, or a certificate from a duly licensed physician stating that the voter, because of illness or injury, is confined to the hospital or bed and will be unable to vote in person at the polls, [whichever is] IF THESE ARE applicable]]. Upon receipt of the application, the board, if satisfied that the person cannot, in fact, be present at the polling place on the day of the election, shall issue to the applicant, or his duly authorized agent, an absentee ballot which shall be marked by the voter, placed in a sealed envelope, and returned to the board. If the applicant does not apply in person, the application shall designate a voter registered in the same county or Baltimore City as agent for the purpose of delivering the absentee ballot to the voter, and the agent shall execute an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the ballot was delivered to the voter who submitted the application, was marked by the voter in the agent's presence, was placed in a sealed envelope in the agent's presence, and returned, under seal, to the board by the agent. Any emergency absentee ballot received by the board after the time for closing of the polls shall not be counted.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

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CHAPTER 521

(House Bill 264)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 11-904 of Article 66 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "11. Rules of the Road," subheading "Part IX. Reckless and Negligent Driving, Driving While Intoxicated, etc.," to clarify language and extend unlawful conduct to include fleeing or attempting to elude police officer on foot after vehicle has been stopped.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 11-904 of Article 66 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "11. Rules of the Road," subheading "Part IX. Reckless and Negligent Driving, Driving While Intoxicated, etc.," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

11-904.

Any driver of a motor vehicle who wilfully fails or refuses to bring his vehicle to a stop, or who [l[otherwise flees or]] FLEES ON FOOT OR OTHERWISE attempts to elude a pursuing police vehicle OR POLICE OFFICER, [I]OR WHO FLEES ON FOOT OR ATTEMPTS TO ELUDE ON FOOT A PURSUING POLICE VEHICLE OR POLICE OFFICER AFTER THE VEHICLE HAS STOPPED,] when given visual or audible signal to bring the vehicle to a stop, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The signal given by the police officer may be by hand, voice, emergency light, or siren. The officer giving the signal shall be in uniform, prominently displaying his badge or other insignia of office, and his vehicle shall be appropriately marked showing it to be an official police vehicle.