

27-101.

(a) It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law unless the violation:

(1) Is declared to be a felony by the Maryland Vehicle Law or by any other law of this State; or

(2) Is punishable by a civil penalty under the applicable provision of the Maryland Vehicle Law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 2005~~ January 1, 2006.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 367

(House Bill 327)

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Violence - Protective Orders - Definition of Abuse

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "abuse" applicable to certain proceedings to include ~~harassment, and stalking, trespass, and malicious destruction of property, specifying that a petitioner is not eligible for relief for harassment under certain circumstances;~~ and generally relating to certain petitions for relief from abuse.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 4-501(b) ~~and 4-504(a)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Family Law

4-501.

(b) (1) "Abuse" means any of the following acts:

(i) an act that causes serious bodily harm;