

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 29, 1984.

CHAPTER 514

(Senate Bill 98)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Wearing of Headphones Headsets, Earphones, and Earplugs

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from driving ~~or attempting--to--drive~~ a motor vehicle on any highway or on certain private property while the person is wearing an earphone over or in both ears earplugs, a headset, or earphones attached to a radio, tape player, or other audio device; providing certain exceptions to this Act; and relating generally to the wearing of headsets, earphones, and earplugs.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation
Section 21-1120
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1977 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

21-1120.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT DRIVE ~~OR--ATTEMPT--TO--DRIVE~~ A MOTOR VEHICLE ON ANY HIGHWAY OR ON ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT IS USED BY THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL IN THIS STATE WHILE THE PERSON IS WEARING AN-EARPHONE OVER OR IN BOTH EARS EARPLUGS, A HEADSET, OR EARPHONES ATTACHED TO A RADIO, TAPE PLAYER, OR OTHER AUDIO DEVICE.

(B) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO:

(1) A PERSON OPERATING AN AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS;