

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

**Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

4-401.

Except as provided in § 4-402 of this subtitle, and subject to the venue provisions of Title 6 of this article, the District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in:

(11) A proceeding for adjudication of a civil penalty for any violation under § 5-1001 of the Environment Article [of the Code or under], § 21-1122 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, OR ARTICLE 41, § 2-101(c-1) [of Article 41] of the Code or any rule or regulation issued pursuant to those sections; and

**Article - Transportation**

21-1122.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM" MEANS A COMPACT DISC PLAYER, A RADIO, A TAPE PLAYER, OR A SIMILAR DEVICE.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES;  
 (2) VEHICLES OPERATED BY COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, OR WATER UTILITIES;

(3) A SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM OPERATED TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE OR TO WARN OF A HAZARDOUS SITUATION; OR

(4) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LOCAL LAW, A SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM USED FOR ADVERTISING, PARADES, OR FOR POLITICAL OR OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS.

(C) WHEN A MOTOR VEHICLE IS BEING OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY, THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE MAY NOT OPERATE OR PERMIT THE OPERATION OF A SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM FROM THE VEHICLE THAT CAN BE HEARD OUTSIDE THE VEHICLE FROM 50 OR MORE FEET.

(D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$50.

27-101.

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

(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.