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CHAPTER 212

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Funeral Processions - Use of Warning Lamps Required**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the driver of a motor vehicle in a funeral procession to  
4 use flashing warning lamps under certain circumstances; making a stylistic  
5 change; and generally relating to the use of flashing warning lamps by the  
6 driver of a motor vehicle in a funeral procession.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Transportation  
9 Section 21-207  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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13 Article - Transportation  
14 Section 22-221(d) through (g)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Transportation**

2 21-207.

3 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a funeral procession  
4 facing a red signal may continue through or make a turn at an intersection if the first  
5 vehicle in the procession already entered the intersection before the signal changed  
6 from green to red.

7 (b) While a funeral procession is proceeding through a red signal as permitted  
8 by this section, a vehicle that is not in the procession may not enter the intersection,  
9 even if it is facing a green signal, unless it can do so without crossing the path of the  
10 procession. When the red signal changes to green while the funeral procession is still  
11 within the intersection, [any] A vehicle facing a green signal may proceed, but the  
12 funeral procession has the right-of-way.

13 (c) The driver of a vehicle in a funeral procession does not have any privilege  
14 granted in this section unless:

15 (1) [the] THE headlights of the vehicle are turned on; AND

16 (2) SUBJECT TO § 22-221(G) OF THIS ARTICLE, THE WARNING LAMPS OF  
17 THE VEHICLE ARE FLASHING.

18 22-221.

19 (d) Any vehicle may be equipped with lamps used for the purpose of warning  
20 the drivers of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the  
21 exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing, and, when so  
22 equipped, may display the warning in addition to any other warning signals required  
23 by the Maryland Vehicle Law.

24 (e) The lamps used to display this warning to the front shall be mounted at  
25 the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and shall display  
26 simultaneously flashing white or amber lights, or any shade of color between white  
27 and amber. The lamps used to display this warning to the rear shall be mounted at  
28 the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and shall display  
29 simultaneously flashing amber or red lights, or any shade of color between amber and  
30 red.

31 (f) These warning lights shall be visible from a distance of not less than 1,500  
32 feet under normal atmospheric conditions at night.

33 (g) Every motor vehicle that is registered in this State and that was  
34 manufactured or assembled after June 30, 1967, and designated as a 1968 or  
35 subsequent year model shall be equipped with these warning lamps by means of  
36 which the driver may cause both front and both rear turn signals to flash  
37 simultaneously as a vehicular traffic hazard warning.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 2001.