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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Equipment - Amber Flashing Lights - Security Guard Agencies**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensed security guard agency to display amber
4 flashing lights on its vehicles while on duty on property that the agency is
5 responsible for patrolling; and generally relating to the display of amber
6 flashing lights on security guard agency vehicles.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 22-218.2
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Transportation**

15 22-218.2.

16 (a) One or more amber flashing lights may be displayed:

17 (1) By a tow truck while at the scene of an accident or a disabled vehicle
18 or while towing a vehicle; and

19 (2) By snow removal and other highway maintenance and service
20 equipment and escort vehicles.

21 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a participant in a citizens
22 on patrol group or other community watch group may display on a vehicle while on
23 patrol in the community one or more amber flashing lights.

24 (2) An amber flashing light:

1 (i) May only be displayed if allowed by a law enforcement agency
2 designated by the governing body of the applicable county or municipal corporation;
3 and

4 (ii) Shall be extinguished at the request of a uniformed law
5 enforcement officer.

6 (3) The law enforcement agency may require that a sign meeting
7 specifications set by the agency appear on the vehicle that identifies the group
8 conducting the patrol while the amber flashing light is displayed.

9 (C) A SECURITY GUARD AGENCY LICENSED UNDER TITLE 19 OF THE BUSINESS
10 OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE MAY DISPLAY ON ITS VEHICLES ONE OR
11 MORE AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS WHILE ON DUTY ON PROPERTY THAT THE AGENCY
12 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PATROLLING.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2005.