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CHAPTER_____

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 equip its~~
 4 vehicles with amber flashing lights ~~on its vehicles~~; authorizing a person to
 5 activate certain amber flashing lights only while on duty on property that the
 6 agency is responsible for patrolling; and generally relating to the display of
 7 amber flashing lights on security guard agency vehicles.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 9 Article - Transportation
 10 Section 22-218.2
 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
 12 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 22-218.2.

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

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

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

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

4 (2) An amber flashing light:

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

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

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

13 (C) (1) A SECURITY GUARD AGENCY LICENSED UNDER TITLE 19 OF THE
14 BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE MAY ~~DISPLAY ON EQUIP ITS~~
15 VEHICLES WITH ONE OR MORE AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS.

16 (2) A PERSON OPERATING A VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH AMBER
17 FLASHING LIGHTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY ACTIVATE THE LIGHTS ONLY
18 WHILE ON DUTY ON PROPERTY THAT THE AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
19 PATROLLING.

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