

## **CHAPTER 582**

**(Senate Bill 935)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Vehicle Laws – Traffic Control Signals – Exit Ramps**

FOR the purpose of requiring vehicular traffic approaching a highway from an exit ramp from an expressway and facing a nonfunctioning traffic control signal to stop at a certain location and to remain stopped until it is safe to continue onto the highway; providing for the assessment of certain points for a violation of this Act; establishing that a certain penalty applies to a violation of this Act; and generally relating to traffic signals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 16–402(a)(9)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Transportation  
Section 21–209  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 27–101(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

### **Article – Transportation**

16–402.

(a) After the conviction of an individual for a violation of Title 2, Subtitle 5, § 2-209, or § 3-211 of the Criminal Law Article, or of the vehicle laws or regulations of this State or of any local authority, points shall be assessed against the individual as of the date of violation and as follows:

(9) Failure to stop a vehicle for a steady red traffic signal in violation of § 21-202 of this article **OR A NONFUNCTIONING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IN VIOLATION OF § 21-209 OF THIS ARTICLE** ..... 2 points

**21-209.**

**VEHICULAR TRAFFIC APPROACHING A HIGHWAY FROM AN EXIT RAMP FROM AN EXPRESSWAY, AS DEFINED IN § 21-101(K) OF THIS TITLE, AND FACING A NONFUNCTIONING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EXIT RAMP AND THE HIGHWAY SHALL:**

**(1) STOP:**

**(I) AT A CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE;**

**(II) IF THERE IS NO CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE, BEFORE ENTERING ANY CROSSWALK; OR**

**(III) IF THERE IS NO CROSSWALK, BEFORE ENTERING THE HIGHWAY; AND**

**(2) REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO CONTINUE ONTO THE HIGHWAY.**

**27-101.**

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

**Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.**