

HOUSE BILL 111

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By: **Delegates Ali, Malone, Beidle, Gutierrez, Guzzone, Heller, Howard, Lafferty, Robinson, Sossi, and Walkup**
Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2008
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Malfunctioning Traffic Light Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a driver who is approaching a traffic control signal with
4 no visible lighted indication to reduce speed and prepare to yield to other
5 vehicles in or approaching the intersection; clarifying that a driver shall obey a
6 stop sign under certain circumstances; clarifying a certain term; and generally
7 relating to malfunctioning traffic control signals.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 21–202(m) and 21–204(a) and (g)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 21–202(m) and 21–204(g)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 21–202.

22 **(M) IF NO LIGHTED INDICATION IS VISIBLE TO A DRIVER APPROACHING**
23 **A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL, THE DRIVER SHALL REDUCE SPEED AND PREPARE**
24 **TO YIELD TO OTHER VEHICLES IN OR APPROACHING THE INTERSECTION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [(m)] (N) Except for those provisions of this section that by their very nature
2 cannot apply, this section applies to a traffic control signal placed at a location other
3 than an intersection. Each stop required by the signal shall be made at a sign or
4 marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made or, if there is no
5 sign or marking, at the signal.

6 21-204.

7 (a) If a flashing red or yellow light is used in a traffic **CONTROL** signal or
8 with a traffic sign, it requires obedience by vehicular traffic as provided in this section.

9 **(G) (1) IF NO LIGHTED INDICATION IS VISIBLE TO A DRIVER**
10 **APPROACHING A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL THAT NORMALLY USES A FLASHING**
11 **LIGHT, THE DRIVER SHALL REDUCE SPEED AND PREPARE TO YIELD TO OTHER**
12 **VEHICLES IN OR APPROACHING THE INTERSECTION.**

13 **(2) IF FACING A STOP SIGN, THE APPROACHING DRIVER SHALL**
14 **OBEY THE STOP SIGN.**

15 [(g)] (H) This section does not apply at any railroad grade crossing.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2008.