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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Intersections – Prohibited Acts**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting vehicle traffic from entering certain intersections against
4 certain traffic signals if the vehicle is unable to safely and completely proceed
5 through the intersection; ~~prohibiting the driver of a vehicle approaching a stop sign~~
6 ~~at an intersecting highway from crossing the intersecting highway if the driver is~~
7 ~~unable to safely and completely proceed through the intersection~~ establishing certain
8 exceptions to the prohibition; making conforming changes; and generally relating to
9 prohibited acts by vehicle traffic at intersections.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 21–202 ~~and 21–403~~
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 21–202.

19 (a) (1) Except for special pedestrian signals that carry a legend, where traffic
20 is controlled by traffic control signals that show different colored lights or colored lighted

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 arrows, whether successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors green, red,
2 and yellow may be used.

3 (2) These lights apply to drivers and pedestrians as provided in this
4 section.

5 (b) **[Vehicular] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (M) OF THIS SECTION, VEHICULAR**
6 traffic facing a circular green signal may proceed straight through or, unless a sign at the
7 place prohibits the turn, turn right or left.

8 (c) Vehicular traffic described under subsection (b) of this section, including any
9 vehicle turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to any other vehicle and any
10 pedestrian lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk when the signal is
11 shown.

12 (d) **[Vehicular] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (M) OF THIS SECTION, VEHICULAR**
13 traffic facing a green arrow signal, whether shown alone or with another indication,
14 cautiously may enter the intersection, but only to make the movement indicated by the
15 arrow or to make another movement permitted by other indications shown at the same
16 time.

17 (e) Vehicular traffic described under subsection (d) of this section shall yield the
18 right-of-way to any pedestrian or bicycle lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to any
19 other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

20 (f) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in §
21 21–203 of this subtitle, a pedestrian facing any green signal, unless the green signal is only
22 a turn arrow, may cross the roadway, within any marked or unmarked crosswalk, in the
23 direction of the green signal.

24 (g) (1) Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal is warned that the
25 related green movement is ending or that a red signal, which will prohibit vehicular traffic
26 from entering the intersection, will be shown immediately after the yellow signal.

27 (2) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in
28 § 21–203 of this subtitle, a pedestrian facing a steady yellow signal is warned that there is
29 not enough time to cross the roadway before a red signal is shown, and a pedestrian may
30 not then start to cross the roadway.

31 (h) (1) Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal alone:

32 (i) Shall stop at the near side of the intersection:

33 1. At a clearly marked stop line;

34 2. If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering any
35 crosswalk; or

1 (M) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A
 2 VEHICLE FACING A CIRCULAR GREEN SIGNAL, A GREEN ARROW SIGNAL, OR A
 3 STEADY YELLOW SIGNAL MAY NOT ENTER AN INTERSECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS
 4 UNABLE TO SAFELY AND COMPLETELY PROCEED THROUGH THE INTERSECTION.

5 (2) (I) A VEHICLE THAT IS MAKING A LEFT TURN WHEN FACING A
 6 CIRCULAR GREEN SIGNAL MAY ENTER THE INTERSECTION WHILE YIELDING THE
 7 RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PEDESTRIAN OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE THAT IS APPROACHING
 8 FROM THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

9 (II) A VEHICLE THAT IS MAKING A RIGHT TURN MAY ENTER THE
 10 INTERSECTION WHILE YIELDING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PEDESTRIAN OR A
 11 BICYCLIST.

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

17 ~~21-403.~~

18 (a) ~~Preferential right-of-way at an intersection may be indicated by stop signs or~~
 19 ~~yield signs placed in accordance with the Maryland Vehicle Law.~~

20 (b) ~~If the driver of a vehicle approaches a through highway, the driver shall:~~

21 (1) ~~Stop at the entrance to the through highway; and~~

22 (2) ~~Yield the right-of-way to any other vehicle approaching on the through~~
 23 ~~highway.~~

24 (c) ~~If a stop sign is placed at the entrance to an intersecting highway, even if the~~
 25 ~~intersecting highway is not part of a through highway, the driver of a vehicle approaching~~
 26 ~~the intersecting highway [shall]:~~

27 (1) ~~[Stop] SHALL STOP in obedience to the stop sign; [and]~~

28 (2) ~~[Yield] SHALL YIELD the right of way to any other vehicle~~
 29 ~~approaching on the intersecting highway; AND~~

30 (3) ~~MAY NOT CROSS INTO THE INTERSECTING HIGHWAY IF THE~~
 31 ~~DRIVER IS UNABLE TO SAFELY AND COMPLETELY PROCEED THROUGH THE~~
 32 ~~INTERSECTION.~~

1 ~~(d) If a "yield" sign facing the driver of a vehicle is placed on the approach to an~~
2 ~~intersection, the driver shall:~~

3 ~~(1) Approach the intersection with caution;~~

4 ~~(2) Yield the right of way to any other vehicle approaching on the other~~
5 ~~highway; and~~

6 ~~(3) If necessary, stop in order to yield this right of way.~~

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2017.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.