

# HOUSE BILL 1543

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Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tow Trucks – Driver Safety Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a yellow or amber light or signal device on a certain tow truck  
4 that is manufactured on or after a certain date to use a light-emitting diode;  
5 authorizing a certain tow truck to display certain paint or markings in a certain  
6 location on the vehicle; and generally relating to lighting and reflective paint and  
7 markings on tow trucks.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 22–218(c)(6)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 22–420

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 22–218.

22 (c) (6) **(I)** [Service] **SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
23 **PARAGRAPH, SERVICE** vehicles, waste or recycling collection vehicles, rural letter carrier  
24 vehicles, slow moving farm vehicles, and tow trucks may be equipped with or display yellow

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 or amber lights or signal devices.

2                   **(II) A TOW TRUCK REGISTERED UNDER § 13-920 OF THIS**  
3 **ARTICLE AND MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2018, THAT IS EQUIPPED**  
4 **WITH A YELLOW OR AMBER LIGHT OR SIGNAL DEVICE SHALL USE A LIGHT-EMITTING**  
5 **DIODE IN THE LIGHT OR SIGNAL DEVICE.**

6 **22-420.**

7                   **A TOW TRUCK REGISTERED UNDER § 13-920 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY DISPLAY**  
8 **REFLECTIVE PAINT OR MARKINGS ON THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE.**

9                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2018.