

# HOUSE BILL 108

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By: **Delegates Carr and Korman**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a vehicle from entering certain intersections when facing  
4 certain traffic signals if the vehicle is unable to safely and completely proceed  
5 through the intersection; establishing certain exceptions to the prohibition;  
6 prohibiting a police officer from issuing a citation for a violation of this Act unless  
7 certain conditions are met; ~~establishing a certain fine for a violation of this Act;~~  
8 ~~providing that a violation of this Act is not a moving violation for certain purposes;~~  
9 making conforming changes; and generally relating to prohibited acts by vehicles at  
10 intersections.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Transportation  
13 Section 21–202  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 21–202.

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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 (a) (1) Except for special pedestrian signals that carry a legend, where traffic  
2 is controlled by traffic control signals that show different colored lights or colored lighted  
3 arrows, whether successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors green, red,  
4 and yellow may be used.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 1. At a clearly marked stop line;



1 (l) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in §  
2 21–203 of this subtitle, pedestrians facing a steady red signal alone may not enter the  
3 roadway.

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

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

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

16 (3) A POLICE OFFICER MAY NOT ISSUE A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION  
17 OF THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS:

18 (I) THE APPROACH TO THE INTERSECTION HAS APPROPRIATE  
19 SIGNS INSTALLED THAT NOTIFY THE PUBLIC THAT A VEHICLE MAY NOT MAKE A  
20 MOVEMENT AT THE INTERSECTION THAT VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION; AND

21 (II) THE SIGNS ARE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
22 MANUAL AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF TRAFFIC CONTROL  
23 DEVICES ADOPTED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 25–104 OF  
24 THIS ARTICLE.

25 ~~(4) A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS~~  
26 ~~SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$90.~~

27 ~~(5) A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT A MOVING VIOLATION~~  
28 ~~FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING POINTS UNDER § 16–402 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

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

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
35 October 1, 2019.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.