

HOUSE BILL 614

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Vehicle Laws – Prohibited Acts at Intersections**

3 **MC 10–19**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting vehicle traffic in Montgomery County from entering certain
5 intersections against certain traffic signals if the vehicle is unable to safely and
6 completely proceed through the intersection; establishing certain exceptions to the
7 prohibition; prohibiting a police officer from issuing a citation for a violation of this
8 Act unless certain conditions are met; making conforming changes; and generally
9 relating to prohibited acts by vehicle traffic at intersections in Montgomery County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 21–202
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 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
21 arrows, whether successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors green, red,
22 and yellow may be used.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

16 (f) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in §
17 21–203 of this subtitle, a pedestrian facing any green signal, unless the green signal is only
18 a turn arrow, may cross the roadway, within any marked or unmarked crosswalk, in the
19 direction of the green signal.

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

23 (2) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in
24 § 21–203 of this subtitle, a pedestrian facing a steady yellow signal is warned that there is
25 not enough time to cross the roadway before a red signal is shown, and a pedestrian may
26 not then start to cross the roadway.

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

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

29 1. At a clearly marked stop line;

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

32 3. If there is no crosswalk, before entering the intersection;

33 and

1 (ii) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k) of this section,
2 shall remain stopped until a signal to proceed is shown.

3 (2) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red arrow signal:

4 (i) May not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated
5 by the arrow;

6 (ii) Unless entering the intersection to make a movement permitted
7 by another signal, shall stop at the near side of the intersection:

8 1. At a clearly marked stop line;

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

11 3. If there is no crosswalk, before entering the intersection;
12 and

13 (iii) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k) of this section,
14 shall remain stopped until a signal permitting the movement is shown.

15 (i) Unless a sign prohibiting a turn is in place, vehicular traffic facing a steady
16 red signal, after stopping as required by subsection (h) of this section, cautiously may enter
17 the intersection and make:

18 (1) A right turn; or

19 (2) A left turn from a one-way street onto a one-way street.

20 (j) If a sign permitting any other turn is in place, vehicular traffic facing a steady
21 red signal, after stopping as required by subsection (h) of this section, cautiously may enter
22 the intersection and make the turn indicated by the sign.

23 (k) In each instance, vehicular traffic described in subsections (i) and (j) of this
24 section shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian or bicycle lawfully within an adjacent
25 crosswalk and to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so
26 closely as to constitute an immediate hazard.

27 (l) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in §
28 21–203 of this subtitle, pedestrians facing a steady red signal alone may not enter the
29 roadway.

30 **(M) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.**

31 **(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION**
32 **AND SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A VEHICLE FACING A**

1 CIRCULAR GREEN SIGNAL, A GREEN ARROW SIGNAL, OR A STEADY YELLOW SIGNAL
2 MAY NOT ENTER AN INTERSECTION IF THE VEHICLE IS UNABLE TO SAFELY AND
3 COMPLETELY PROCEED THROUGH THE INTERSECTION.

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

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

11 (4) A POLICE OFFICER MAY NOT ISSUE A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION
12 OF THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS:

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

16 (II) THE SIGNS ARE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
17 MANUAL AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF TRAFFIC CONTROL
18 DEVICES ADOPTED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 25-104 OF
19 THIS ARTICLE.

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

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