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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Volunteer Fire Company Officers - Emergency Equipment on Private Vehicles**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that the highest ranking officer and the officers of the next
4 highest rank in a volunteer fire company may have their privately owned vehicles
5 equipped with red lights or signal devices which may be displayed under certain
6 circumstances; and generally relating to red lights or signal devices on privately
7 owned vehicles.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 22-218(c)(2)(ii)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 22-218.

17 (c) A person may not drive or move on any highway any vehicle or equipment that
18 is equipped with or displays any light or signal device designed to emit an oscillating,
19 rotating, blinking, or other type of emission of light, unless designated and authorized by
20 the Administrator as indicated in paragraphs (1) through (9) of this subsection. The
21 provisions of this section do not prohibit the display and use of any lighting device that
22 may be permitted or required elsewhere in the Maryland Vehicle Law.

23 (2) (ii) The fire chief[, the assistant fire chief] OR HIGHEST RANKING
24 FIRELINE OFFICER, THE OFFICERS OF THE NEXT HIGHEST RANK, and the emergency
25 medical services commander for each volunteer fire company[,] may have their privately
26 owned vehicles equipped with red lights or signal devices which may be displayed only
27 while on route to or at the scene of an emergency.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 1996.

