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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Display of Amber Flashing Lights - Citizens on Patrol**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing "Citizens on Patrol" to display amber flashing lights  
4 while on patrol, if allowed by the local police department, and unless a uniformed  
5 police officer instructs them to extinguish the amber flashing lights; and generally  
6 relating to the display of amber flashing lights.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Transportation  
9 Section 22-218.2  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Transportation**

15 22-218.2.

16 One or more amber flashing lights may be displayed:

17 (1) By a tow truck while at the scene of an accident or a disabled vehicle or  
18 while towing a vehicle; [and]

19 (2) By snow removal and other highway maintenance and service equipment  
20 and escort vehicles; AND

21 (3) BY "CITIZENS ON PATROL":

22 (I) WHILE ON PATROL;

23 (II) IF ALLOWED BY THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND

24 (III) UNLESS A UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICER INSTRUCTS THEM TO  
25 EXTINGUISH THE AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 1997.

