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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Pedestrian Control Signal Indications**

3 FOR the purpose of including certain symbols as pedestrian control signal indications
4 under the State's vehicle laws; defining the meaning of and required responses to
5 certain pedestrian control signals; and generally relating to pedestrian control signal
6 indications.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 21-202(a) and 21-203
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 21-202.

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

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

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1 21-203.

2 (a) Where special pedestrian control signals showing the words "walk", "[don't]
3 DONT walk", or "wait" OR THE SYMBOLS OF "WALKING PERSON" OR "UPRAISED
4 HAND" are in place, the signals have the indications provided in this section.

5 (b) A pedestrian facing a "walk" OR "WALKING PERSON" signal may cross the
6 roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by the driver of
7 any vehicle. At an intersection where an exclusive all-pedestrian interval is provided, a
8 pedestrian may cross the roadway in any direction within the intersection.

9 (c) A pedestrian may not start to cross the roadway in the direction of a "[don't]
10 DONT walk" OR "UPRAISED HAND" signal.

11 (d) A pedestrian may not start to cross the roadway in the direction of a "wait
12 signal".

13 (e) If a pedestrian has partly completed [his] crossing on a "walk" OR
14 "WALKING PERSON" signal, the pedestrian shall proceed without delay to a sidewalk or
15 safety island while the "[don't] DONT walk", [or] "wait", OR "UPRAISED HAND" signal
16 is showing.

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