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By: **Delegates Campbell, Minnick, Rosenberg, McIntosh, and Mohorovic**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Display of Amber Flashing Lights - Community Patrols**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing participants in a Citizens on Patrol group or other  
4 community watch group to display amber flashing lights while on patrol, if  
5 allowed by a certain law enforcement agency, and unless a uniformed law  
6 enforcement officer instructs them to extinguish the amber flashing lights;  
7 providing that the law enforcement agency may require that a certain sign  
8 appear on a vehicle while an amber flashing light is displayed; and generally  
9 relating to the display of amber flashing lights.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Transportation  
12 Section 22-218.2  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Transportation**

18 22-218.2.

19 (A) One or more amber flashing lights may be displayed:

20 (1) By a tow truck while at the scene of an accident or a disabled vehicle  
21 or while towing a vehicle; and

1                   (2)     By snow removal and other highway maintenance and service  
2 equipment and escort vehicles.

3     (B)     (1)     SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PARTICIPANT  
4 IN A CITIZENS ON PATROL GROUP OR OTHER COMMUNITY WATCH GROUP MAY  
5 DISPLAY ON A VEHICLE WHILE ON PATROL IN THE COMMUNITY ONE OR MORE  
6 AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS.

7                   (2)     AN AMBER FLASHING LIGHT:

8                   (I)     MAY ONLY BE DISPLAYED IF ALLOWED BY A LAW  
9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
10 APPLICABLE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; AND

11                   (II)    SHALL BE EXTINGUISHED AT THE REQUEST OF A UNIFORMED  
12 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

13                   (3)     THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY REQUIRE THAT A SIGN  
14 MEETING SPECIFICATIONS SET BY THE AGENCY APPEAR ON THE VEHICLE THAT  
15 IDENTIFIES THE GROUP CONDUCTING THE PATROL WHILE THE AMBER FLASHING  
16 LIGHT IS DISPLAYED.

17     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 1998.