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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Failure to Stop at Red Light - Points**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing, under certain circumstances, the number of points
4 required to be assessed by the Motor Vehicle Administration against an
5 individual convicted of failing to stop a vehicle as directed by a traffic control
6 signal displaying a steady red light; and generally relating to the assessment of
7 points for red light violations.

8 BY renumbering
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 16-402(a)(9) through (35), respectively
11 to be Section 16-402(a)(11) through (37), respectively
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 16-402(a)(9) and (10)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
20 Article - Transportation
21 Section 21-202(h), (i), (j), and (m)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 16-402(a)(9) through (35), respectively, of Article -
26 Transportation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
27 16-402(a)(11) through (37), respectively.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
2 read as follows:

3 **Article - Transportation**

4 16-402.

5 (a) After the conviction of an individual for a violation of Article 27, § 388, §
6 388A, or § 388B of the Code, or of the vehicle laws or regulations of this State or of any
7 local authority, points shall be assessed against the individual as of the date of
8 violation and as follows:

9 (9) FAILURE TO STOP A VEHICLE FOR A STEADY RED TRAFFIC SIGNAL IN
10 VIOLATION OF § 21-202 OF THIS ARTICLE IF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL WAS RED FOR
11 MORE THAN 3 SECONDS BUT LESS THAN 5 SECONDS BEFORE THE DRIVER
12 UNLAWFULLY ENTERED THE INTERSECTION CONTROLLED BY THE TRAFFIC
13 CONTROL SIGNAL 3 POINTS

14 (10) FAILURE TO STOP A VEHICLE FOR A STEADY RED TRAFFIC SIGNAL IN
15 VIOLATION OF § 21-202 OF THIS ARTICLE IF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL WAS RED FOR 5
16 SECONDS OR MORE BEFORE THE DRIVER UNLAWFULLY ENTERED THE
17 INTERSECTION CONTROLLED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL 5 POINTS

18 21-202.

19 (h) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal alone:

20 (1) Shall stop at the near side of the intersection:

21 (i) At a clearly marked stop line;

22 (ii) If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering any
23 crosswalk; or

24 (iii) If there is no crosswalk, before entering the intersection; and

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

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

30 (1) A right turn; or

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

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

1 (m) Except for those provisions of this section that by their very nature cannot
2 apply, this section applies to a traffic control signal placed at a location other than an
3 intersection. Each stop required by the signal shall be made at a sign or marking on
4 the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made or, if there is no sign or
5 marking, at the signal.

6 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 1998.