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By: **Delegate Morgan**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commercial Businesses - Signs with Broken Lights**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring commercial businesses with certain permits for certain  
4 lighted signs to replace broken lights on the signs within a certain period of  
5 time; providing for a certain penalty; and generally relating to lighted signs of  
6 commercial businesses.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Business Regulation

9 Section 19-102

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Business Regulation**

15 19-102.

16 (A) EACH COMMERCIAL BUSINESS WITH A PERMIT, ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE  
17 WITH THE LOCAL ZONING LAWS OR ORDINANCES OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN  
18 WHICH THE BUSINESS IS LOCATED, FOR AN ON PREMISE SIGN WITH LIGHTS THAT  
19 ARE VISIBLE OUTSIDE THE BUSINESS SHALL REPLACE ANY BROKEN LIGHTS ON THE  
20 SIGN WITHIN 2 WEEKS AFTER THE LIGHTS ARE BROKEN.

21 (B) A PERSON THAT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS  
22 SECTION WITHIN THE 2-WEEK PERIOD IS SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF \$10 PER SIGN  
23 FOR EACH DAY THAT THE LIGHTS ON THE SIGN REMAIN BROKEN.

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