

By: **Senator Jimeno**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Rules of the Road**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law to
4 conform to the Uniform Vehicle Code; modifying certain provisions relating to
5 traffic movement in certain lanes and at intersections with certain traffic
6 control signals; modifying certain provisions relating to the designation of
7 certain residential parking for individuals with certain disabilities; modifying
8 certain provisions regarding the passing of school vehicles while certain lights
9 are activated; restricting and regulating the sale, offer for sale, and placement of
10 certain traffic control devices; repealing a certain defined term; and generally
11 relating to rules of the road under the Maryland Vehicle Law.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 16-402(a)(5), 21-101(f), 21-202(h), 21-309(g) and (h), 21-706(a) and
15 (b), 21-1005(j), and 25-104
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

18 BY repealing
19 Article - Transportation
20 Section 21-101(h-1)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

23 BY adding to
24 Article - Transportation
25 Section 25-104.1 and 25-106.1
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

16-402.

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

(5) Failing to stop for a school vehicle with alternately flashing RED WARNING lights.....2 points

21-101.

(f) "Crosswalk" means[:

(1) Any marked crosswalk, as defined in this section; or

(2) That] THAT part of a roadway that is within the prolongation or connection of the lateral lines of sidewalks at any place where 2 or more roadways of any type meet or join, measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the roadway.

[(h-1) (1) "Marked crosswalk" means any part of a roadway that is distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines and markings as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), the markings indicating a marked crosswalk at a traffic light, shall consist of two parallel solid white lines marking both edges of the crosswalk. These lines shall be at least six inches wide and at least six feet apart. However, in an area where the speed limit is more than 35 miles an hour, or where a crosswalk is located at other than an intersection, or where the existence of a crosswalk is unexpected, or where a crosswalk is located in a school zone, these lines may be increased to a width of 24 inches, and the space between them shall be hatched with diagonal white lines that are 12 to 24 inches wide and 12 to 24 inches apart.

(3) The markings indicating a marked crosswalk at an intersection without a traffic light shall consist of two parallel solid white lines marking both edges of the crosswalk. These lines shall be:

(i) 12 to 24 inches wide, and the space between them shall be hatched with diagonal or longitudinal white lines that are 12 to 24 inches wide and 12 to 24 inches apart in an area where:

- 1. The speed limit is more than 35 miles an hour;
2. A crosswalk is located at other than an intersection;
3. The existence of a crosswalk is unexpected; or

- 1 4. A crosswalk is located in a school zone; and
- 2 (ii) At least 6 inches wide and at least 6 feet apart in all other
- 3 areas.]

4 21-202.

5 (h) (1) Vehicular traffic facing a steady CIRCULAR red signal alone:

6 [(1)] (I) Shall stop at the near side of the intersection:

7 [(i)] 1. At a clearly marked stop line;

8 [(ii)] 2. If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering any

9 crosswalk; or

10 [(iii)] 3. If there is no crosswalk, before entering the intersection;

11 and

12 [(2)] (II) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k) of this section,

13 shall remain stopped until a signal to proceed is shown.

14 (2) VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FACING A STEADY RED ARROW SIGNAL:

15 (I) MAY NOT ENTER THE INTERSECTION TO MAKE THE MOVEMENT

16 INDICATED BY THE ARROW;

17 (II) UNLESS ENTERING THE INTERSECTION TO MAKE A MOVEMENT

18 PERMITTED BY ANOTHER SIGNAL, SHALL STOP AT THE NEAR SIDE OF THE

19 INTERSECTION:

20 1. AT A CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE;

21 2. IF THERE IS NO CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE, BEFORE

22 ENTERING ANY CROSSWALK; OR

23 3. IF THERE IS NO CROSSWALK, BEFORE ENTERING THE

24 INTERSECTION; AND

25 (III) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (I), (J), AND (K) OF THIS

26 SECTION, SHALL REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL A SIGNAL PERMITTING THE MOVEMENT IS

27 SHOWN.

28 21-309.

29 (g) On a roadway along which a two-way left turn lane has been provided

30 through [the required pavement markings and signs] TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES,

31 vehicles may not enter that lane except [for the purpose of] WHEN PREPARING FOR

32 OR making a left turn FROM OR INTO THE ROADWAY OR WHEN PREPARING FOR OR

33 MAKING A U-TURN, and may enter only if the lane is clear of an opposing movement.

1 (h) A vehicle shall be driven within a lane described under subsection (g) of
2 this section the shortest distance practicable prior to MAKING A LEFT TURN OR
3 U-TURN OR AFTER making a left turn.

4 21-706.

5 (a) If a school vehicle [is stopping or] has stopped on a roadway and is
6 operating the alternately flashing RED warning lights specified in § 22-228 of this
7 article, the driver of any other vehicle meeting or overtaking the school vehicle shall
8 stop at least 20 feet from the rear of the school vehicle, if approaching the school
9 vehicle from its rear, or at least 20 feet from the front of the school vehicle, if
10 approaching the school vehicle from its front.

11 (b) If a school vehicle [is stopping or] has stopped on a roadway and is
12 operating the alternately flashing RED warning lights specified in § 22-228 of this
13 article, the driver of any other vehicle meeting or overtaking the school vehicle may
14 not proceed until the school vehicle resumes motion or the alternately flashing RED
15 warning lights are deactivated.

16 21-1005.

17 (j) Except in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, within 30 days after it
18 receives the notification required by subsection (i) of this section, the State Highway
19 Administration shall[:

20 (1) Place] INSTALL and maintain at the proper place [at least one sturdy
21 upright set of 2 signs or] a [combination] sign OR SIGNS, which shall [be]:

22 (i) The sign required by § 21-1006(a) of this subtitle; and

23 (ii) A sign designating]

24 (1) CONFORM TO THE APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARYLAND
25 ACCESSIBILITY CODE ADOPTED UNDER ARTICLE 83B, § 6-102 OF THE CODE; AND

26 (2) DESIGNATE the space as a personal residential parking space [with
27 the permit number and any other information the State Highway Administration may
28 require. The standards, type, and design of this sign shall be established by the State
29 Highway Administration conforming with the provisions of § 8-605(d) of this article
30 and shall utilize the regulations adopted by the State Highway Administration under
31 that section; and

32 (2) In accordance with subsection (c) of this section, paint a red line on
33 the curb, edge, or side of the roadway, long enough to reserve a space for one Class A
34 (passenger) vehicle].

35 25-104.

36 [(a)] The State Highway Administration shall adopt a manual and
37 specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices, consistent with the

1 provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law, for use on highways in this State. This
2 uniform system shall correlate with and, as far as possible, conform to the system set
3 forth in the most recent edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for
4 Streets and Highways.

5 [(b) The manual and specifications adopted by the Administration under
6 subsection (a) shall conform to the specifications of § 21-101 in regard to crosswalk
7 markings at intersections without traffic lights.]

8 25-104.1.

9 A PERSON MAY NOT SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE ANY SIGN, SIGNAL, MARKING, OR
10 OTHER DEVICE INTENDED TO REGULATE, WARN, OR GUIDE TRAFFIC UNLESS IT
11 CONFORMS WITH THE STATE MANUAL AND SPECIFICATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT
12 TO § 25-104 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

13 25-106.1.

14 A PERSON MAY NOT INSTALL OR MAINTAIN, IN ANY AREA OF PRIVATE
15 PROPERTY USED BY THE PUBLIC, ANY SIGN, SIGNAL, MARKING, OR OTHER DEVICE
16 INTENDED TO REGULATE, WARN, OR GUIDE TRAFFIC UNLESS IT CONFORMS WITH
17 THE STATE MANUAL AND SPECIFICATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO § 25-104 OF THIS
18 SUBTITLE.

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