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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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

1 Section 25-104.1 and 25-106.1  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

6 **Article - Transportation**

7 16-402.

8 (a) After the conviction of an individual for a violation of Article 27, § 388, §  
9 388A, or § 388B of the Code, or of the vehicle laws or regulations of this State or of any  
10 local authority, points shall be assessed against the individual as of the date of  
11 violation and as follows:

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

14 21-101.

15 (f) "Crosswalk" means[:

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

17 (2) That] THAT part of a roadway that is ~~within~~ :

18 (I) WITHIN the prolongation or connection of the lateral lines of  
19 sidewalks at any place where 2 or more roadways of any type meet or join, measured  
20 from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the roadway; OR

21 (II) DISTINCTLY INDICATED FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BY LINES  
22 OR OTHER MARKINGS.

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

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

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

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

- 7 1. The speed limit is more than 35 miles an hour;
- 8 2. A crosswalk is located at other than an intersection;
- 9 3. The existence of a crosswalk is unexpected; or
- 10 4. A crosswalk is located in a school zone; and

11 (ii) At least 6 inches wide and at least 6 feet apart in all other  
 12 areas.]

13 21-202.

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

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

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

17 [(ii)] 2. If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering any  
 18 crosswalk; or

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

21 [(2)] (II) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k) of this section,  
 22 shall remain stopped until a signal to proceed is shown.

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

24 (I) MAY NOT ENTER THE INTERSECTION TO MAKE THE MOVEMENT  
 25 INDICATED BY THE ARROW;

26 (II) UNLESS ENTERING THE INTERSECTION TO MAKE A MOVEMENT  
 27 PERMITTED BY ANOTHER SIGNAL, SHALL STOP AT THE NEAR SIDE OF THE  
 28 INTERSECTION:

29 1. AT A CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE;

30 2. IF THERE IS NO CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE, BEFORE  
 31 ENTERING ANY CROSSWALK; OR

1 3. IF THERE IS NO CROSSWALK, BEFORE ENTERING THE  
2 INTERSECTION; AND

3 (III) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (I), (J), AND (K) OF THIS  
4 SECTION, SHALL REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL A SIGNAL PERMITTING THE MOVEMENT IS  
5 SHOWN.

6 21-309.

7 (g) On a roadway along which a two-way left turn lane has been provided  
8 through [the required pavement markings and signs] TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES,  
9 vehicles may not enter that lane except [for the purpose of] WHEN PREPARING FOR  
10 OR making a left turn FROM OR INTO THE ROADWAY OR WHEN PREPARING FOR OR  
11 MAKING A U-TURN, and may enter only if the lane is clear of an opposing movement.

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

15 21-706.

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

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

27 21-1005.

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

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

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

34 [(ii) A sign designating]

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

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

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

10 25-104.

11       [(a)]       The State Highway Administration shall adopt a manual and  
12 specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices, consistent with the  
13 provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law, for use on highways in this State. This  
14 uniform system shall correlate with and, as far as possible, conform to the system set  
15 forth in the most recent edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for  
16 Streets and Highways.

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

20 25-104.1.

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

25 25-106.1.

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

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

