

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 81

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “circumstances” insert “; providing an exception pertaining to loading zones; redefining “loading zones”; modifying provisions relating to school vehicles and alternately flashing lights; making stylistic and technical changes; and generally relating to school vehicles and the boarding and discharging of passengers”; and in line 7, after “Section” insert “16-402(a)(5), 21-706, and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 12, insert:

“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 ACTIVATED alternately flashing red [warning] lights 2 points

21-706.

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

(Over)

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

(c) This section does not apply to the driver of a vehicle on a divided highway, if the school vehicle is on a different roadway.”;

in line 19, after “vehicle” insert “REGISTERED IN THE STATE”; in the same line, strike “8-lamp” and substitute “8-LIGHT”; in line 20, strike “signal lamps” and substitute “LIGHTS”; and strike in their entirety lines 21 through 25, inclusive.

On page 2, in line 1, strike “(iii)” and substitute “(II)”; in the same line, strike “8-lamp” and substitute “8-LIGHT”; in the same line, strike “warning”; in lines 3 and 4, in each instance, strike “lamps” and substitute “LIGHTS”; in line 11, strike “warning signal” and substitute “LIGHT”; in line 17, strike “warning”; in line 21, strike “warning signals” and substitute “AMBER LIGHTS”; in line 23, after “passengers” insert “, AND PLACE INTO OPERATION THE ALTERNATELY FLASHING RED LIGHTS UPON STOPPING”; in line 27, after “operation” insert “THE”; in the same line, strike “warning signals” and substitute “LIGHTS”; in lines 27 and 28, strike “stopping, after”; and in line 29, after “passengers” insert “ON THE ROADWAY”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 30, strike “on or adjacent to” and substitute “:

(I) THAT IS:

1. ON “;

in line 31, strike “its” and substitute “THE”; in the same line, strike the colon and substitute “, FOR USE IN RECEIVING OR DISCHARGING PASSENGERS RESIDING ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY AS THE LOADING ZONE; OR

2. NOT ON A HIGHWAY; AND”;

strike in their entirety lines 32 and 33; in line 34, after “been” insert “DESIGNATED AND”; and in line 35, after “loading” insert “ZONE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 37, strike “where” and substitute “OR LOCAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AGENCY, AS”.