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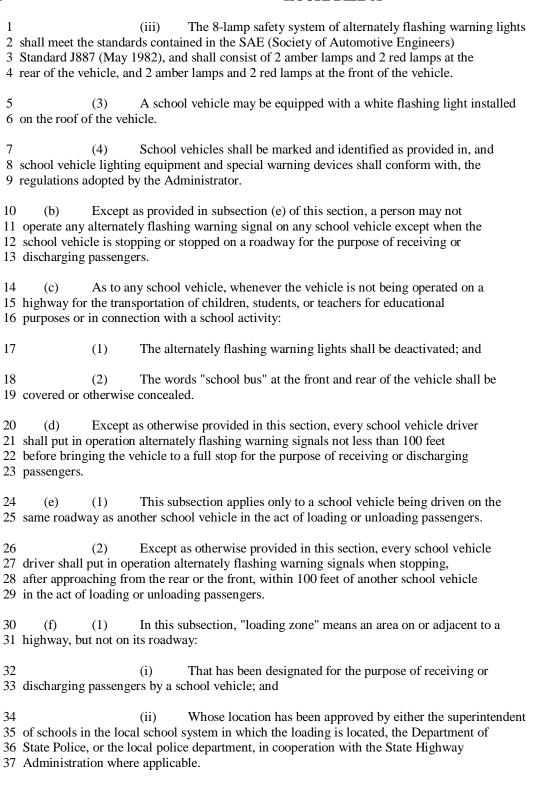
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	A BILL ENTITLED
1	AN ACT concerning
2	Vehicle Laws - School Buses - Pick Up and Discharge of Passengers
3	FOR the purpose of requiring a driver of a school vehicle to stop on the roadway to pick up or discharge passengers under certain circumstances.
5 6 7 8 9	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Transportation Section 22-228 Annotated Code of Maryland (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)
10 11	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
12	Article - Transportation
13	22-228.
	(a) (1) (i) The Administrator may adopt regulations for lighting equipment, special warning devices, markings, and identification to be used by school vehicles.
17 18	(ii) Regulations adopted under this paragraph shall be consistent with the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law.
19 20	(2) (i) A school vehicle shall be equipped with an 8-lamp system of alternately flashing signal lamps.
21	(ii) The equipment requirement of this paragraph applies only to:
22 23	1. Any school vehicle manufactured on or after January, 1985, that is registered in this State; and
24 25	2. Any school vehicle registered in this State on or after July

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- $1 \hspace{1cm} \hbox{(2)} \hspace{1cm} \hbox{It is the policy of this State to encourage the establishment and use of} \\ 2 \hspace{1cm} \hbox{loading zones for school vehicles}.$
- 3 Where a loading zone is available, a school vehicle driver, unless
- 4 otherwise required for safety, may not stop on the roadway for the purpose of
- 5 receiving or discharging passengers, but shall use the loading zone for this purpose.
- 6 (G) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, A DRIVER OF 7 A SCHOOL VEHICLE SHALL STOP ON THE ROADWAY TO:
- 8 (1) RECEIVE PASSENGERS WHEN TRANSPORTING THEM TO SCHOOL; OR
- $9 \hspace{1.5cm}$ DISCHARGE PASSENGERS WHEN TRANSPORTING THEM FROM 10 SCHOOL.
- 11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 12 July 1, 1999.