
By: **Senator McCabe**
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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Turning and Changing Lanes on a Laned Roadway**

3 FOR the purpose of defining the term "turn" to include certain vehicle movements;
4 requiring a vehicle making certain movements to give an appropriate signal;
5 altering a provision of law to establish that an objective standard applies to a
6 determination of when it is safe for a vehicle to move from one lane to another;
7 making a stylistic change; and generally relating to changing lanes on a laned
8 roadway.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 21-101(u-1)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 21-309(b) and 21-604(c)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Transportation**

22 21-101.

23 (U-1) "TURN" INCLUDES:

- 24 (1) TO CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF A VEHICLE;
25 (2) TO MOVE A VEHICLE FROM ONE LANE TO ANOTHER; OR

1 (3) TO MOVE A VEHICLE FROM A LANE ON A THROUGH HIGHWAY TO AN
2 EXIT LANE, OR FROM AN ENTRANCE LANE TO A LANE ON A THROUGH HIGHWAY.

3 21-309.

4 (b) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single
5 lane and may not be moved from that lane or moved from a shoulder or bikeway into
6 a lane until [the driver has determined that] it is safe to do so.

7 21-604.

8 (c) A person may not, if any other vehicle might be affected by the movement,
9 turn a vehicle until [he] THE PERSON gives an appropriate signal in the manner
10 required by this subtitle.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2000.