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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Funeral Processions - Use of Warning Lamps Required**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the driver of a motor vehicle in a funeral procession to
4 use flashing warning lamps under certain circumstances; making a stylistic
5 change; and generally relating to the use of flashing warning lamps by the
6 driver of a motor vehicle in a funeral procession.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 21-207
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 22-221(d) through (g)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 21-207.

21 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a funeral procession
22 facing a red signal may continue through or make a turn at an intersection if the first
23 vehicle in the procession already entered the intersection before the signal changed
24 from green to red.

25 (b) While a funeral procession is proceeding through a red signal as permitted
26 by this section, a vehicle that is not in the procession may not enter the intersection,
27 even if it is facing a green signal, unless it can do so without crossing the path of the
28 procession. When the red signal changes to green while the funeral procession is still

1 within the intersection, [any] A vehicle facing a green signal may proceed, but the
2 funeral procession has the right-of-way.

3 (c) The driver of a vehicle in a funeral procession does not have any privilege
4 granted in this section unless:

5 (1) [the] THE headlights of the vehicle are turned on; AND

6 (2) SUBJECT TO § 22-221(G) OF THIS ARTICLE, THE WARNING LAMPS OF
7 THE VEHICLE ARE FLASHING.

8 22-221.

9 (d) Any vehicle may be equipped with lamps used for the purpose of warning
10 the drivers of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the
11 exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing, and, when so
12 equipped, may display the warning in addition to any other warning signals required
13 by the Maryland Vehicle Law.

14 (e) The lamps used to display this warning to the front shall be mounted at
15 the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and shall display
16 simultaneously flashing white or amber lights, or any shade of color between white
17 and amber. The lamps used to display this warning to the rear shall be mounted at
18 the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and shall display
19 simultaneously flashing amber or red lights, or any shade of color between amber and
20 red.

21 (f) These warning lights shall be visible from a distance of not less than 1,500
22 feet under normal atmospheric conditions at night.

23 (g) Every motor vehicle that is registered in this State and that was
24 manufactured or assembled after June 30, 1967, and designated as a 1968 or
25 subsequent year model shall be equipped with these warning lamps by means of
26 which the driver may cause both front and both rear turn signals to flash
27 simultaneously as a vehicular traffic hazard warning.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2001.